

# STRETCHING

◆ *Our Limits* ◆

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Crowds

Cheering at a home football game, Valparaiso High School students displayed their pride for the school. With the expansion and growth of the school and community, it was evident that we were STRETCHING OUR LIMITS.

### Yellow limosines

Buses are an essential part of the transportation system, which consists of mopeds, cars, and bicycles. Students gathered to wait for their bus after school.

### School spirit

Robert Asbaugh, the Viking mascot, watches the home sectional football game against MC Rogers, which the Vikings won 35-15. Pride in the school was evident throughout the student body and community.



### Die-hard fans

Freshmen Kevin Miller, George Wilson, and Brian Beesley stand in the rain to cheer the Valparaiso football team to a victory.



### Toasting marshmallows

The bonfire, which is a longstanding tradition, gave many students the opportunity to give support to the Valparaiso football team before the Homecoming game against Merrillville.

### Rebuilding

Reconstruction of the Press Box, which was destroyed by fire in October 1990, was completed in Winter 1991. The new Press Box accommodated both football and baseball games.





Stretching

Our Limits  
... in school

# IN·V·O·L·V·E·D

Andrea Caporale

Editor-In-Chief

In viewing a tree, one realizes the many changes it undergoes. The leaves change colors with the different seasons, and the bark ripples from wear.

Likewise, since Valparaíso High School has occupied the present building which was completed in 1972, there have been changes and excellence over the past 20 years.

In the 1972-73 school year, the first year students were able to use the current facilities, the enrollment of the three-year school was 1,171.

Due to growing enrollment at the elementary and junior high schools, VHS was transformed into a four-year high school beginning with the 1986-87 school year. The enrollment increased to 1,746.

Five years later, at the start of the 1991-92 year, the freshmen and sophomore classes alone made up 1,050 of the total 1,893 enrollment.

With the prediction of increasing enrollment during the next 10 years, construction of a \$15 million, two-story addition and renovation to VHS began in May 1992.

Included in the modifications were plans to up-date every department, add 40 classrooms and 1,000 lockers, enlarge the cafeteria, expand and improve the Learning Center with a computerized card catalogue system and a central distribution system.

Like a tree, VHS experienced changes and modifications, which were caused by growth and the fact that we were STRETCHING OUR LIMITS. ♦

Stretching

Our Limits

... in

Valparaiso

# G·R·O·W·I·N·G

Andrea Caporale

Editor-In-Chief

When most people see a new building, they usually do not realize the work that was put into the construction of the structure. The building needed a strong foundation in order to support the finished structure.

In much the same way, the city of Valparaiso followed a similar pattern, based on the philosophy that a city should flourish and prosper with the goal of preparing for future generations.

Based on the 1970 and 1990 census reports, within the past 21 years Valparaiso has grown from 25,191 people to a suburban community with 32,603 people.

Due to the increasing population, many new additions have been added. Timberline Condominiums, Chandana Point subdivision and Shopping Center have all been developed on the north side.

Because of expansion on the north side of the city, the construction of a new elementary school began in the spring of 1992.

Also the Inman's Recreation Center, which opened in September 1991, provided entertainment for people of all ages. The area included 36 bowling lanes, 12 billiard tables, an arcade, a snack bar, and a lounge.

By having a strong base, a building may be added onto without any complication, and the same can be stated about Valparaiso. The community was constantly growing, and we were definitely **STRETCHING OUR LIMITS.** ♦





#### New look

**Box Office Video** changed its look and relocated to a convenient northside location. The new building is in the new Chandana complex on Calumet Avenue.

#### Night lights

Hot-air balloons light up the night at the Porter County Fairgrounds on Saturday September 7. The balloons were part of the 13th annual Popcorn Festival celebration.



#### Sign of the times

Expansion to the north, this year included the addition of the Chandana business complex. The mini-strip mall features a restaurant, optical center, and a video store.



#### Strike out

Junior Jessica Brown practices her game at the new **Inman's Recreation Center**. Inman's new complex, which was completed in late September. Includes 32 bowling lanes, an indoor driving range, a pool hall and a saloon/eatery.



# Expanding Our Horizons ...in Student Life Together

Andrea Caporale

Editor-in-Chief

Taking on new challenges and setting goals played a major role in the lives of teenagers. Because students were pressed for time, they found it difficult to combine a million and one things into an typical school day.

To broaden students' perspectives, VHS and the community offered a variety of activities and events.

During the fall, students were able to participate in Homecoming's Spirit Week activities and attend the Homecoming Dance. While in the winter months, the Christmas and King of Hearts Dances provided excitement.

Involvement in the fall musical "Godspell", the winter Children's Plays, and April Antics gave students the chance to display their dramatic and musical talent.

In the spring, Prom offered those who enjoyed "dressing up" the chance to express their individuality.

However, amid all the hustle and bustle of things that had to be done, the 442 members of the Class of 1992 finished the year with the annual senior dinner, Baccalaureate, and Commencement.

Even though students were weighted down with homework, extra-curricular activities, and after school jobs, they took advantage of opportunities because we were EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS. ♦



Power puff football

Juniors Shannon Ferguson and Traci Quinn cheer on their team during one of the powder puff football games. The freshmen tied the sophomores, while the juniors lost to the seniors.



#### Lady in red

Enjoying a moment at the Homecoming Dance, which took place Saturday, September 27, are senior Nicki Nettrour and graduate Jody Decker. Themed "Snowcapped Highway," the dance drew 350 couples.



#### Sophomore spirit

Sophomores show their enthusiasm for the homecoming game with their float "Bury the Pirates" for the homecoming parade. Juniors captured first prize for their float.



#### Musical message

In the fall play "Godspell", Ken Greich played Jesus. The musical was a modern interpretation of the Gospel according to Matthew.

#### Red hot

Another traditional entry in the homecoming parade was the fire engine, which the football players and cheerleaders rode. The parade began downtown and ended in the VHS parking lot.





# SCHOOL PRIDE

## Spirit Week inspires students

Becky Gimenez

Student Life Editor

Patriotism can be defined as pride in one's nation. A true patriot will fight and perhaps die to serve the sole purpose of defending his country.

School spirit is similar to patriotism, although on a smaller scale. School spirit inspires students to play, fight, win to further school pride.

Spirit Week, which took place September 23-27, was sponsored by Spirit Club, the cheerleaders, and Student Council. Each day, students were asked to show their spirit by participating in different activities. The cheerleaders organized Spirit days, during which students wore hats, college sweatshirts, or class colors to demonstrate their school spirit.

Student Council was responsible for organizing the Jar Wars, the Homecoming parade, and Spirit Ticket drawings. Voting for the Homecoming Queen and Princess was also coordinated by Student Council.

"On the whole I think Homecoming was a great success, especially the parade," said

Student Council co-sponsor Britt Wood. "The students really took the time to work on their entries and make them special."

Spirit Club sponsored the annual Powder Puff football games on Wednesday, September 25. The seniors were victorious in the junior-senior game, while the freshman-sophomore game ended with a 0-0 tie.

Immediately after Powder Puff were the class competitions. Students from all four classes participated in events ranging from tug-of-war to a water balloon toss. The seniors were the victors, edging out all other classes. The seniors were also triumphant in Jar Wars.

The Homecoming parade from downtown to VHS and the bonfire ended Spirit Week on Thursday evening, September 26.

"School spirit is basically respect and support for your school and your classmates," said Student Council President Aaron Copeland.

The soldier's salute or the patriot's flag are as important to national pride as Memorial Day or the Fourth of July. Although wearing a hat, buying a ticket, or cheering for the team may seem like insignificant activities, they all play a part in furthering school spirit. ♦

**"One way for students to show their spirit is by participating in Homecoming events and activities."**

*-Aaron Copeland,  
Student Council President*



### Flush the Pirates

Student Council members Andy Rickman, Bron Anderson, Mike Goldman, and John Bergeson sport Merrillville Pirates jerseys on the junior class float, themed "Flush the Pirates." The float, in the shape of a giant toilet bowl, captured first prize in the Homecoming float contest.



### Take a breather

Taking a break from the class competitions are senior Shane Thomas and junior Kara Christian. The competitions, taking place immediately after Powder Puff, were another senior victory.

### Scrimmage line

As senior running back Alana Hancock takes possession of the ball, the juniors rush into defensive formation. Girls from all four classes participated in the Powder Puff games, sponsored by Spirit Club.



Taking first prize in this year's Homecoming float competition was the junior class "Flush the Pirates" entry.

The float, designed as a giant toilet bowl with four Merrillville Pirates inside, was

Flushed with

TRIUMPH

the first to break the seniors' four year winning streak. This year's senior entry received third place.

"I think we, and the underclassmen, all had a sort of driving force--we wanted to end the senior legacy," said junior class vice-president Bron Anderson. "We just had the most support behind us."

-Becky Gimenez



### Memorable week

Students gather to throw parts of their Homecoming floats into the bonfire. Taking place on Thursday evening, September 26, the bonfire provided a memorable end to Spirit Week.

### Sideline support

Juniors Lauren Mahns and Francis Mazur cheer for their classmates playing in the September 24 junior-senior Powder Puff game. The game was a 14-7 victory for the seniors.

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# INDING DOWN

## Weekend provides relaxation, fun

Becky Gimenez

Student Life Editor

The weekend: it is the end of five long days, a reward for a week of work, the light at the end of the tunnel. When Friday arrives, we rejoice — no more work, no more studying, no more school for two whole days. But it is gone as quickly as it came, and the work begins again.

These characteristics are applicable to almost any weekend, Homecoming weekend being no exception. Anticipation was high due to Spirit Week; students were ready to forget about their work and relax.

Leading the way into Homecoming weekend, the Vikings played the Merrillville Pirates on Friday evening, September 27. The Homecoming court was introduced at halftime, with senior Lisa Furlin crowned Queen and senior Polly Schroeder crowned Princess. Although the game was a losing 13-7 effort, spirits remained high in anticipation

of the approaching dance.

The annual Homecoming dance, sponsored and coordinated by the cheerleaders, drew over 700 students. Themed "Snow-capped Hideaway," the dance took place from 8-11 p.m. in the north balcony of the gym.

"Homecoming is usually a very successful dance, especially since it's the first dance of

the season and all the freshmen are excited about it," said head cheerleading coach Ginie Huber-Ashbaugh. "This year we had about 100 extra kids in attendance."

The cheerleaders were responsible for all aspects of preparation, including theme development and decoration. "I was very surprised and also very pleased with the ideas the girls came up with for theme and decorations,"

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Head Cheerleading Coach*

baugh said.

After five days of anticipation, the weekend is gone as quickly as it came. Although Homecoming weekend, like all other weekends, would soon be replaced by another Monday, the events of those extraordinary two days would remain in students' memories forever.



**Winding down**

Junior Mandy McCormack relaxes and talks with her date Chris Howard, a junior at Chesterton High School. The annual dance took place from 8-11 p.m. in the north balcony.

**Pep talk**

Giving last-minute pointers to the defensive team is defense coordinator Rich Renn. The Homecoming game, taking place Friday, September 27, was lost 13-7 to the Merrillville Pirates.



### Homecoming court

Crystal Hicks, Amy Steffan, princess Polly Schroeder, queen Lisa Furlin, Karly Randolph, Rosy Cavanaugh. Voting for the court was organized by Student Council.



### Stepping out

Leaving the "Snowcapped Hideaway" are senior Eric Jaremczuk and his date, junior Julie Puffer. The cheerleaders were responsible for all aspects of preparation.

### Searching up and down

Freshmen Lisa Porapalboon and Jerry Drever search the wall for their names. The Homecoming dance, themed "Snowcapped Hideaway," drew over 700 students.

Although preparation of the Homecoming dance may not seem like an enormous undertaking, there is more to the task than meets the eye. Cheerleaders help

"We start setting up Friday after-

noon and keep working until sometimes 1 or 2 a.m., stopping only to cheer in the game," said head cheerleading coach Ginnie Huber-Ashbaugh. "We finish setting up Saturday afternoon, and then the work starts again during Sunday cleanup."

-Becky Gimenez

# PREPARE



The Drama department's production of "Godspell" was made even more colorful by the use of unique, "personality" costumes, designed by the cast members themselves.

### Costumes make show

# UNIQUE

Each actor, with the exceptions of the roles of Jesus and John the Baptist/Judas, were asked to design a costume that they felt reflected their personality and that of their character. "I've always liked the giant buttons on Mickey Mouse's shorts, so I used that idea in my costume," said sophomore Steve Spanopoulous, an ensemble member.

-Becky Gimenez



### Painting faces

Jesus, played by Ken Greich, puts the finishing touches on John the Baptist's (junior Josh Jones) face. The face-painting represented Jesus' additions to and completion of the teachings of the Old Testament.

### Sprouting like seeds

Demonstrating the growth of seeds on fertile soil are junior Erin Casbon, seniors Rob Ealy, Fred Warner, Karna Hazen, and junior Josh Jones. The seed parable symbolized different levels of spiritual growth under different conditions.



### Side by side

Seniors Deena Butterfield and Eric Berner come together in the duet, "By my Side." Vocal coordination was the responsibility of choral department chairperson Linda Springer, while Ellen Carmichael served as assistant music director and accompanist.



# STANDING OVATION

## Audiences applaud 'Godspell'

Becky Gimenez

Student Life Editor

In a business-centered society like ours, certain values have been overlooked or even forgotten. Ideas as simple as "Help one's fellow man" have been pushed aside in the pursuit of money and power.

The drama department's production of the musical "Godspell" presented Nov. 21-24, sought to remind people of these simple values.

"The main message of the play is just to love one another," said director Alice Gambel. "The content of the play was religious, but we tried to downplay the religion and focus more on the humanity."

The play was based on the Gospel according to Matthew, comprised mostly of contemporary interpretations of many of Jesus' parables. "It was a very emotional experience," said senior Ken

Greich, who played Jesus. "Everyone laughed, everyone cried."

Choreography was the responsibility of sophomore Steve Spanopoulos, who directed the 24-member cast in all of the play's dance routines.

"I wanted to choreograph to the meaning of the words," Spanopoulos said. "The meaning of the songs are expressed through not just song, but dance as well."

Both the cast and the audience were equally affected by the spiritual content of the play.

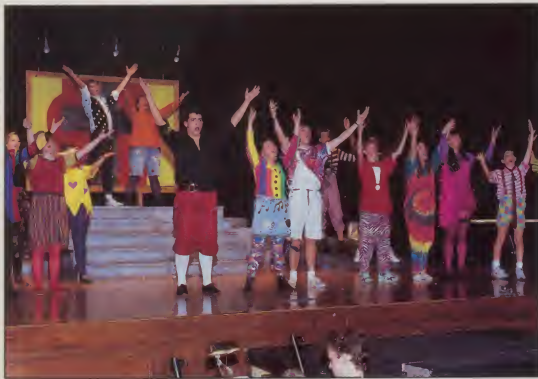
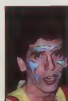
"It made the play stronger and the impact more powerful," said jun-lor Erin Casbon, ensemble member. "I think that the message the play was conveying made the cast

stronger."

Material pursuits were overlooked by the cast and crew of "Godspell," replaced by their efforts to convey a valuable message of love to their audience: a message of love, understanding, and acceptance.

**"The show was a success because it was so emotional. Everyone laughed, everyone cried."**

**-Ken Greich, senior**



**Fiery grave**

Condemned for his greedy wrong doings during life, the King (sophomore Mike Kolar) suffers his punishment in hell at the hands of seniors Beth Balon, Karna Hazen, and Melissa Ehrenberg.

**Blest are they**

Performing one of the play's ensemble numbers is the 24-member cast of "Godspell." The play, presented November 21, 22, 23, and 24, was based upon modern interpretations of parables in the Gospel of St. Matthew.

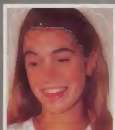
# OUR THOUGHTS

by Elizabeth Heineold

How would you describe your personal style in regard to fashion?



“I don't feel that a person has to dress up for school. I like to look halfway decent. Anything comfortable is great for me.”  
- Junior,  
Kris Lloyd



“It really depends because some days I don't care. I just wear what's comfortable, and on other days I like to dress up.”  
- Freshman  
Katy Heineold



“I don't care about fashion. I just wear the first thing I see in my closet.”  
- sophomore  
Jacki Herron

## Something new, something blue

Proofreading her story in Viking Press is Junior Amy Drever. Many students felt that individuality and personal expression were more important than fashion, disregarding current trends in favor of developing their own, unique style.

## Price check

Junior Dina Lozano shops for pants at **Compagnie Internationale Express**, located in Merrillville's Southlake Mall. **Compagnie Internationale Express** was a popular store among female students, as were **Up's'n'Downs**, **The Limited**, **The Gap**, and **Clifford & Wills**.



## Shopping for two

Sophomores Joe Eckert and Tenille Drake work together on a geometry assignment. Both male and female students frequented such stores as **J. Crew**, **County Seat**, and **American Eagle**.

## Cash flow

Counting money from the bookstore's cash register is senior Drew Tursman. According to many students, money played an important role in shopping habits, affecting decisions like where to shop and what to buy.





# PERSONAL TOUCH

Becky Gimenez

## Student Life Editor

Personal style can be manifested in many ways. Writing, music, visual and performing arts — all of these are ways for people to express their individuality. The most obvious medium for expressing one's own style is through clothing.

Individuality was important to most students in developing their personal style. "I think that what you wear is an extension of your personality, so I don't pay that much attention to fashion trends," junior Bron Anderson said.

"My style is individual," said junior Jessica Cheslek. "Strictly me."

Favorite stores varied as much as individual taste, ranging from the Alley on Chicago's North side to the Gap at Southlake Mall or County Seat in Merrillville. The Limited and Company Express were popular

among girls; guys favored Coda and American Eagle. The Gap and J. Crew were popular among most students, as was shopping in Chicago's Michigan Avenue Stores.

Students' styles were not always greatly influenced by outside influences.

"My friends may have some influence on me, but I don't dress to please them," senior Karly Randolph said. "I just wear what I want to wear, depending on my mood."

Although others' opinions did not affect individual styles, many students felt that clothing was an important factor in others' opinions of them.

"Your outward appearance is the only way strangers can judge you, so their opinion is influenced first by dress," junior Susan Rich said.

Personal style can be evident in almost anything. Dress provided a creative and noticeable outlet for students to express their individuality. ♦



### Suiting up

Junior Tim Gleason tries on a jacket at Southlake Mall's **DeJaiz**, a favorite store among male students. Other popular shopping spots included **Coda**, **Attivo**, and **David's**.

### First impressions

Spending time with her friends during lunch is junior Jessica Cheslek. Along with many other students, Cheslek felt that clothing affected others' opinions of them.

# C HANGE OF PACE

## Dances provide tradition, variation

Becky Gimenez

Student Life editor

"The greatest gifts that parents can give to their children are roots and wings." Simply stated, people need a traditional foundation in their lives while remaining open to new ideas and opportunities.

The theme "Twas the night before Christmas" gave a traditional feel to the annual Student Council sponsored Christmas dance, which took place at 8 p.m. Saturday, December 14.

"The council wanted a traditional theme this year and this was the one that we voted on," said Student Council sponsor Britt Wood.

Approximately 560 couples attended the annual semiformal dance in the north balcony of the gym. Student Council was entirely responsible for organizing the dance, from selling tickets to arranging the Polaroids with Santa and his elf, portrayed by social studies

teacher Sid Reggie and English teacher Charles E. "Skip" Bird. Tickets were \$10 a couple, with all profits used to send Student Council members to leadership camp.

The V-Teens introduced significant changes to the familiar dance format with "Set the Night to Music," the theme to the

King of Hearts dance on Thursday, February 13 in the north balcony of the gym.

Boys were still expected to wear dress slacks and ties with a sportcoat or sweater. Girls, however, were asked to dress in a more casual manner than in past years with a "Sunday" style dress. This was due to the awkwardness of the dance's date: since the dance took place on a Thursday, students would have less

time to get ready after school. "Some people had negative thoughts (about the changes) but I think the success of the dance changed that," said V-Teens sponsor Karen Hartman.

Roots and wings — Student Council and V-Teens satisfied each of these needs by providing both tradition and change in the Christmas and King of Hearts dances. ♦

**"We made the changes because of the awkward date, and it all pretty much came out positively."**



*-Karen Hartman,  
V-Teens sponsor*



**King of Hearts Court**

**Check to check**

Standing: Kurt Hartman, prince Art Choate, Dan Blagojevich, Fred Warner, Drew Tursman. Seated: King Chance Lindsay. This year, 15 seniors were nominated by V-teens and voted by dance-goers.

Enjoying a slow dance at the Christmas dance are juniors Lisa Harrison and Eric Brown. All proceeds from the dance were used to send Student Council members to leadership camp.





## Picture perfect

Polaroid pictures with Santa (Sid Reggle) and his helper (Skip Bird) bring smiles to the faces of seniors Jill Doppler and Chris Somers.

Awkward timing prompted the V-Teens to incorporate several changes into this year's King of Hearts dance format. "We wanted to try some different ideas out, and the awkward

Dance format is

# MODIFIED

date gave us an opportunity to try new things," said V-Teens sponsor Karen Hartman.

The dance, held this year in the South balcony, was the first to use a DJ with video screens. Also, girls were asked to wear Sunday-type dresses instead of the traditional semi-formals. "It was nice to have a change from normal dances," junior Erin Casbon said.

-Becky Glimenez



## Holiday cheer

Themed "Twas the Night Before Christmas," the semi-formal Student Council Christmas dance featured a DJ and traditional holiday decorations.

## Valentine Videos

"Set the night to Music" was the theme for February's King of Hearts Dance. It was the first dance to use two DJs with video screens.

## New experience

Mercha (freshman Emily Pinkerton) enjoys the foreign pudding offered to her by her *Homelander* friends (senior Jodi Sarich and sophomore Mike Kolar) in "New Canadian Kid."

Breaking an eight-year run of exclusively faculty-directed drama productions, senior Fred Warner made his directorial debut with the one-act play, "The Mirrorman."

## Talented student

debut with the one-act play, "The Mirrorman."

The play, performed at various elementary schools in the community, was the first to be directed solely by a student in eight years.

"Directing was a great experience, although I think I'm a better actor than director," Warner said. "I felt kind of bad yelling at my friends, but I think it made us all really close."

-Becky Gimenez



## Lend me your ears

T.J., played by junior Tim Gleason, tries to get the attention of his girlfriend Karen, played by senior Lori Hutter, in the one-act play "Candid."

## Saying Grace

Before dinner, T.J. (junior Tim Gleason) says a prayer of thanks with his family (freshman Martha Joya, freshman Jenny Hurst, and senior Mike Baker) in "Candid."







# T RIPLE FEATURE

## Three plays entertain children

Becky Gimenez

Student Life Editor

Offering three times the entertainment, three times the talent, three times the humor and stagecraft, the Drama Department shifted gears to present three one-act winter plays as opposed to the larger-scale productions of previous years.

"I liked the idea of doing three shows instead of just one because we got to involve more people," said senior Fred Warner, director of "The Mirrorman." "You get a variety that you can't get with just one show."

"The Mirrorman," performed March 17 and 19 at elementary schools throughout the community, had the distinction of being the first student-directed production in eight years.

"I was very honored," said Warner, president of the Drama club, "but it's a lot easier than acting."

Also performed at area elementary schools was "The New Canadian Kid," directed by Stephanie Stalmah. The play dealt with such themes as prejudice and acceptance, themes or importance not only to children but to audiences of all ages.

"Performing for the children allowed more people to be reached by the play's message," Stalmah said.

"Candid," directed by Kevin Cessna, was presented instead for middle school students. The play centered on a teenaged boy, T.J., who deals with his problems by photographing important occurrences in his life.

"The purpose was twofold: to introduce the

kids to our Drama Department, and to deliver the message of the play to more people," Cessna said.

The expansion of the winter performance proved to be a gainful format change, offering not only additional entertainment, but unique and valuable learning experiences for those involved in their production. ♦

**"The best part was watching the kids' reactions and seeing them smile."**



**-Fred Warner,  
Director-"The Mirrorman"**



**SKAK**

Sophomore John Evans insults the New Canadian Kid and his family by painting "SKAK," an ethnic slur, on their window. "The New Canadian Kid," one of the three one-act plays performed in March was directed by Stephanie Stalmah.

**Like a kid with a new toy**

Toyman, played by junior Josh Jones, describes to the audience his walk-and-talk doll, Beauty (sophomore Andrea Morris) in the one-act play "The Mirrorman." The play was performed at various elementary schools.

April Antics offered a lot more than entertainment for the audience. The performers got a rare chance to show their hidden talents.

## Unexpected stars

# PERFORM

Suddenly the shy girl who sat in the back corner of her math class was singing her heart out in front of the entire school. Even though Drama Club and choir members were involved in the program, many of the performers were unexpected stars.

Junior Ben Kim said, "A few, very talented people proved that you do not have to be involved with the Drama Club to be the center of attention."

-Robin Beesley



### Seductive reasoning

Molly (junior Laura Smith) attempts to seduce Stephen (junior Tim Gleason) to get him out of the front of the line as seniors Jeff Daly (Dolan) and Eric Berner (Fleming) and sophomore Scott Closs (Arnall) wait impatiently.

### Caught in the middle

Senior Deena Butterfield tries to win the affections of her doctor, senior Ken Greich, away from his nurse played by junior Chrissy Rosado, in the skit "Heartbeat."

### A jumpin' number

Performing "This Joint is Jumpin'", the Varsity Singers give the audience a glimpse of backstage rehearsal for a Broadway musical.



### Inspired by hope

Junior Josh Jones provides guitar accompaniment to sophomore Hope Fierst as she sings "Masterpiece," a number in the "Silly Love Songs" segment of 1992's April Antics.





# SUCCESSFUL MIX

## Variety of acts makes show flourish

Kara Conkle

Faculty Editor

Amusement parks are a popular form of entertainment. In order to be successful, they must have something for all kinds of people.

Like the amusement park's eclectic entertainment, the annual April Antics show had a variety of talent to cater to the interests of the audience.

This year's theme, "Happy Endings," was the perfect case scenario of Broadway, so it was easy to incorporate a multitude of acts. For most involved, it was a learning experience as well as a lot of fun.

"The bond that develops among the members of the cast is one reason I was so eager to be involved in April Antics," senior Deena Butterfield said. "We all experience

the same emotions, so we can relate to each other and we easily become good friends."

"We were very independent because we made up our own acts," sophomore Steve Spanopoulos said.

While tryouts were open to all students, Director Alice Gambel selected the acts she felt would best add to the show.

Acts varied from the 28-member Varsity Singers and the 12-member band, to singing and dancing duos and trios. The program also featured solos and a continuing comedy skit.

"Happy Endings" was performed April 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets were \$3 pre-sale and \$4 at the door. Both nights were sold out.

People like to be amused and variety of entertainment is important. The April Antics show, like amusement parks, provided successful forms of entertainment in a variety of acts. ♦

**"We all experience the same emotions, so it's easy for us relate to each other."**

*-Deena Butterfield, senior*



**Cajun variations**

Junior Peter Schreiner, sophomore Jordan Williams, Junior Mike Weber, freshman Karl Berner, and sophomore Anthony Hudgins, as the Cajun Pancakes, perform "Jealousy."



**Moondancers**

Junior Shellie Malayer, sophomore Jenny Edmond, Junior Kelly Beckman, and freshman Bridgitte Mullen, students at Lyn Knight Dance Studio, perform the number "Paper Moon."



# WORLDLY AFFAIRS

Kara Conkle

Faculty Editor

In the domino effect, the displacement of one domino causes the rest to fall in succession. One small change is significant enough to affect all the dominos involved.

Like the domino effect, news affects individuals everywhere, including students.

The 1991-1992 school year was a big year for change and the entire world was affected. In response to the Rodney King verdict in Los Angeles, riots broke out on April 29, 1992. The racial violence killed 52 people and caused \$785 million in damage. National Guard troops were called out to prevent further disturbances.

In December, 1991 a coup attempt was made on the Soviet

Union in August, and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and his family were arrested. Eventually, the Communist Party denounced the takeover and the coup leaders fled Moscow. Freedom has replaced communism in the Soviet Union.

Despite the controversy with Anita Hill's sexual harassment accusations, Clarence Thomas was elected to replace Thurgood Marshall as the 106th United States Supreme Court justice.

In other politics, presidential democratic hopefuls Jerry Brown, Bill Clinton and Paul Tsongas and other politicians began campaigning for the 1992 election.

## Aftermath of War

During the seven-month Iraqi occupation of Kuwait, more than 730 oil wells were damaged or set on fire. Firefighters have extinguished 584 wells since the effort began in March 1991.



Presidential line-up

Ronald Reagan, on November 5, 1991, opened the doors to his presidential library and invited the public to judge his turn in the White House. With a military band and a crowd of 4,200, President Bush and former presidents Carter, Nixon, and Ford each took a turn at the microphone reflecting on their own presidential challenges.

Hostage release

On December 4, 1991, Terry Anderson emerged from the dark hole of six and a half years of captivity in Lebanon and was handed over to U.S. officials. Ending a brutal hostage ordeal for both himself and the United States, Anderson said "his companions, his faith and his stubbornness," kept him going.





#### Sexual harassment

Law professor Anita Hill gives her testimony during the sexual harassment case against Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas. Thomas was not only found not guilty, but also received the appointment.

#### Kurdish refugees

About 2 million Iraqi Kurds and other minorities fled north in April 1991 when Kurdish rebels failed to drive President Saddam Hussein out in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War. At least 6,700 of the Iraqi refugees died fleeing the Turkish border. The U.S. spent about \$443 million on the Kurdish relief effort.



#### AIDS Awareness

Stunning the world with his emotional speech, on November 7, 1991 L.A. Lakers guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson announced to the public he tested positive for the HIV virus. Since then Johnson has devoted his life to promoting AIDS awareness and safe sex.

#### Military Coup

As an eight-man emergency committee led by Vice President Gennady Yanayev took power in a coup attempt in the Soviet Union, crowds of perplexed people wander among the many Soviet tanks parked behind the Red Square during the military coup.

# OUR THOUGHTS

by Ryan Shimada

What news event has affected you the most? How?



“ My family and I were traveling at the time of the shot-gun killings. ”  
- sophomore  
Megan Parker



“ The Gulf War. It proves how strong we are throughout the world and it makes me proud. ”  
- senior  
Toby Byvoets



“ I felt very strongly about the Thomas Hearings because I've always been concerned with women's rights. ”  
- sophomore  
Alison Pilgrim



#### And the winner is...

After hearing her name announced as prom Queen, senior Amy Steffen is congratulated by senior court member Kristin Miller. Prom court was nominated by teachers.

#### Making an entrance

Entering the "Magic Carpet Ride," seniors Valerie Reichardt and Ryan Watson begin their evening at the 1992 prom. Juniors planned the entire prom.



Although post-prom took place Friday, May 15, preparation for the annual event began in early fall with the forming of

#### Theme makes Post-Prom

such committees as decorations, publicity, entertainment, and games.

Paid for

mainly by ticket sales at \$7.50 each and by the parents of the junior class, post-prom's budget ran at approximately \$9,000.

"Post-prom is an event that everyone can be proud of," said co-chairperson Ann Goldman.

-Mandy Marquardt

# FESTIVE



#### Blackjack

Placing bets in the casino during post-prom are senior Laurie Popel and junior Amy Bickle. Other activities included palm readings, bowling, and dancing.



# MAGIC EVENING

## Students rewarded with 'Magic Carpet Ride'

Amy Zelaya

Writer

Once you are older and start a career, a paycheck is your reward for a job well done. For the seniors, their paycheck was prom.

According to co-sponsor Rhonda Yelton, prom was a gift from the junior class to the seniors for all their hard work.

Along with Yelton and co-sponsor Mara Fiegle-Hicks, the junior class officers and parents put forth much time and effort to make prom a success. "Planning for prom starts in January, but I'd say we put altogether a whole month of work into it," Yelton said.

The junior class voted on the theme, "Magic Carpet Ride", and spent about \$4000. The prom committee raised funds through the

data match and prom ticket sales at \$20 a couple.

"I do think that prom may be overrated. People sometimes spend too much on prom, but it should be worth it since it's only once a year," junior class officer Carrie Dedrick said.

Prom, which took place at the Expo Center, offered students a chance to enjoy a social event with many memorable activities. The Grand March, which began at 10 p.m., gave parents and friends the opportunity to see the students dressed up. The Grand March was led by the Prom court members who were nominated by teach-

ers and voted on by the students present.

After the dance many students attended post-prom, theme "Mardi Gras," which took place at the V.U. student union.

Although many paychecks financed the event, the memorable evening proved to be worth all the sacrifices. ♦

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*-Carrie Dedrick, junior*



Cutting the rug

Saturday plans

Junior Laura Smith and senior Rob Ealy enjoy a slow dance at prom. All juniors and seniors could attend the annual event, while sophomores could attend as guests.

Discussing what they'll do Saturday, sophomore Roger Gifford, junior Kelly Webb, and junior Dina Lozano take a break from the activities at Post Prom.



# KEEPING TRADITION

## Seniors bid farewell to high school

by Heidi Letz

Album Editor

There is a feeling that transforms drivers when the open road lies ahead. The desire builds to take control of the road and yield to no one.

For seniors, graduation ended the wait for that green light. Seniors satisfied that same desire as commencement exercises marked their shift into the real world.

Commencement ceremonies took place Sunday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. Weather permitting, the senior class officers chose the football stadium for commencement exercises.

"Graduation ceremonies are a long established tradition. They have a simple format, which the students decide upon," said Dr. David Bess, principal.

Despite an earlier administrative decision that no students speak at Commencement, Gina

Massuda was selected to address her 412 peers. Mayor David A. Butterfield, 1963 VHS graduate, also spoke.

Baccalaureate was an optional, nondenominational worship service that allowed parents to participate in the graduation activities. It took place Friday, June 5 at 8 p.m. in the Valparaiso University Chapel.

"Both graduation and baccalaureate ceremonies are very meaningful, but in different ways. Baccalaureate is more reflective and festive, while commencement is the traditional farewell," said senior class sponsor Kevin Cessna.

Prior to the traditional graduation ceremonies, however, the Senior Banquet also gave students an opportunity to gather less

formally. The dinner, which took place at the Expo Center, Wednesday, May 27 at 6 p.m., featured announcement of class royalties, and wills.

Graduation ceremonies paved the way for a new future as students officially ended their high school years.

**"Graduation ceremonies are a long established tradition with**



**a student-decided format."**

*-Dr. David Bess, principal*

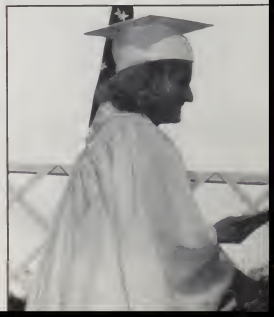
### End of a tradition

Valedictorian Kevin Eichhorn congratulates '92 graduate Kara Conkle as the 119th annual commencement exercises conclude. This year was the last time a valedictorian and salutatorian would be named at VHS.



### Official certificate

Receiving her diploma from Principal David Bess is Jenny Marco. Graduation services took place in the football stadium due to the pleasant weather.





#### Speaking of accomplishments

As the only student speaker, senior class treasurer Gina Massuda, addresses her fellow 412 graduates during commencement Sunday, June 7.

In addition to commencement exercises and the Senior Banquet, many seniors chose to attend Baccalaureate, an optional, non-denominational worship service.

**Baccalaureate gives time to**

# REFLECT

Themed "Voyage of Discovery,"

Baccalaureate took place on Friday, June 5 at the VU chapel. Seniors walked down the aisle with their parents as an honor to the family.

"Everyone comes together to pray for success," said sponsor Kevin Cessna.

*-Becky Gimenez*

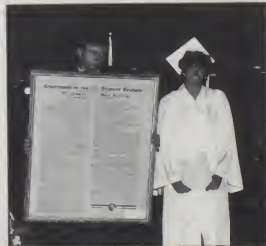


#### Symbolic meaning

While the simple act of turning the tassels only lasted a moment, the 412 graduates will remember the significance of the tradition.

#### Bearing gifts

Student Council vice-president Troy Riffel and Student Faculty Senate president Suzanne Dick each present their organizations' constitutions at the Baccalaureate exercises Friday June 5.



#### Fresh air review

Freshmen Amy Avaritt, Maryanna Smith, and Kelley Yagelski study together in Ogden Gardens during the warm weather. Study groups provided students the chance to receive help from their classmates.

#### Cultural ties

Spanish teacher Marcia Arnold instructs third year Spanish student junior Angle Grandys on how to make a God's eye. The God's eyes yarn weavings are part of the Spanish Christmas festivities. Students also prepared Spanish and Mexican food.



#### Lasting impression


Molding a likeness in sculpture class is junior Robert Edgecomb. Art classes provided studies in art appreciation, drawing, photography, ceramics and graphic arts.

#### Monkey pile

During nursery school, junior Kim Newton is interacting with children as part of the curriculum for the Child Development class. The class was recommended for elementary education majors.







# Reaching Our Potential ...in Academics Excelling

Andrea Caporale

Editor-In-Chief

For a person to benefit from an experience, he must be challenged. In the same way, classes allow students to work to their potential.

Students chose one of the three track levels based on skill in the English and mathematics. Track 1 or Honors was designed for students with high ability, while Track 2 was for average to above-average skill. Average to below average skill students were encouraged to select a Track 3.

Although mandatory courses were required to fulfill graduation requirements, students able to select other classes based on career plans and interests.

New classes were added to the curriculum based on need, and some of the courses offered were Current Events, Computer Graphics, Japanese 2, and Weight Training.

Striving to excel was the reason many students accepted new challenges with hopes of REACHING OUR POTENTIAL.◆



**Maximum strength**

Seniors Kevin Mantel and Sean Swanson watch as they test how much weight Mantel's bridge will hold. The bridge contest was for first and second year Physics students.

### Helpful hints

Creative Writing, students work together critiquing each others' work. Students wrote short stories and poems to further their style and artistry in English.

### Scavenger hunt

In Philosophy and Literature, senior Kevin Eichorn flips furiously through his book for an answer during discussion. Major topics included basic ideas and theories of important philosophers.



### Giving aid

Grammar and Composition teacher Diane Gordon helps Freshmen Brigitte Mullen with her homework. This class fulfilled the grammar requirement for freshmen.

### Video writer

Senior Amy Markese types her outline in Term Paper class while instructor Judith Lebyrk assists another student. Videowriters were available for students' use during class or after school.

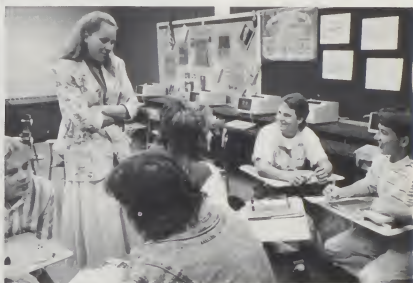


**Hard at work**

Senior Jennifer Hewlett takes notes during Philosophy and Literature class. Understanding themes of literature was the main focus of the class, which read some of the works of Sartre, Kafka, Hesse, and Conrad.

**Group discussion.**

Myth and Legend students in Stephanie Stalmah's class get a break from regular class activity. Group discussions often helped students understand materials better by sharing ideas, and then presenting them to the class.



# Necessary Skills

Susan Jessen

Academics Editor

## EXPRESSION

### Language arts classes stress communication

**P**rospective employers often made the decision of whether or not to hire an applicant based on reading, writing, and communicating skills.

The English department helped students to communicate better, and to prepare for life after high school.

Classes, which were offered in three phases according to difficulty, include literature, grammar, composition, speech, journalism, and dramatic arts.

In addition to American Literature, which was a required class, other literature classes for sophomores, juniors, and seniors were designed with specific areas of emphasis. Topical courses offered included

ethnic writers, philosophy, Shakespeare, mythology, world literature, and British literature.

"In Voices class, we deal with ethnic literature and we focus on black

**"English is important to be effective in society,"**  
-- Alice Gambel

writers, Jews, Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans," said Elizabeth Hall, English teacher.

Students challenged themselves by taking one of the honors

English courses. Designed to further challenge students, honors classes ranged from a concentration of Shakespeare's works or British literature to world literature.

"Students who are highly motivated take Philosophy and Literature because it deals with abstract ideas and it challenges students' values," Hall said.

Speech was a required course for over 30 years.

"We feel it (speech) is an important element to be effective in today's society," said Alice Gambel, English Department Chairperson.

Speech helped students to become more poised, analytical, and aware of messages they sent people.

"Most colleges require speech, so the students get experience in high school and therefore it is not so frightening," Gambel said.

English classes encouraged the development of necessary skills, which was a must if a person wanted to be successful in life.

# Global Interests

Amy Dobbs

Academics Editor

**A**merica the land of liberty, justice, and freedom. Growing up in the United States, teenagers know where and why things happened, but with a world population of approximately five billion, America has only been a small part of the world's events.

In foreign language classes the most important goal was not only to teach the language, but also to show a basic understanding of human needs, how to communicate with those that did not speak our language, and to show how each country played a role in the world.

While French, German, Latin, and Spanish provided four years of language and culture study, Japanese offered two years. Japanese, added to the curriculum last year, expanded to provide a second year.

Most students took a foreign language because it was different than anything they had done before. Some students took it because they had a particular

## CULTURE

### Foreign language study goes beyond grammar

Interest in a foreign language, while others took it to prepare for the future.

"I was interested in learning German not only to be bilingual, but also to learn the German customs and culture," said junior Mandy Marquardt, a third-year German student.

"I choose Spanish because it was widely spoken and I had a desire to be fluent. I kept it up

**"The advantages of language classes are numerous,"**  
-- Joan Mahoney

because I planned on going into international business," replied senior Mick Souther, a fourth-year Spanish student.

Foreign language study was not an easy task, however. It required daily work of reading and writing.

"Although I never think of French as hard, it still has it's rough spots. For beginners it is the concept of learning items

that are not related to the English language. For advanced students it is the culture and history; along with the more difficult vocabulary," said Carolyn Hardbeck, French teacher and co-sponsor of Le Cercle Français.

Although all colleges and universities encourage the study of a foreign language, some students went beyond the minimum and studied a language three or four years. Other students studied multiple languages, taking on a second language their junior or senior year. Foreign language study also has advantages toward business careers.

"For those who are planning to pursue business as a career should definitely consider German. For so long European countries have learned English, before long I think that will change," said Lew Rhinhardt, a German teacher.

"For those who did not plan on attending college the advantages were still numerous. It gave them a basic understanding of their own language and it also showed them how the world works together," said Joan Mahoney.

The foreign language classes met many of their goals including broadening students' interest in world affairs and showing how all countries of the world work together. ♦

#### Pairing up

First-year German students Jane Barknecht and Erin Daly study for a test. Four years of German were offered, with the fourth year receiving honors credit. Other languages offering four years were French and Spanish.





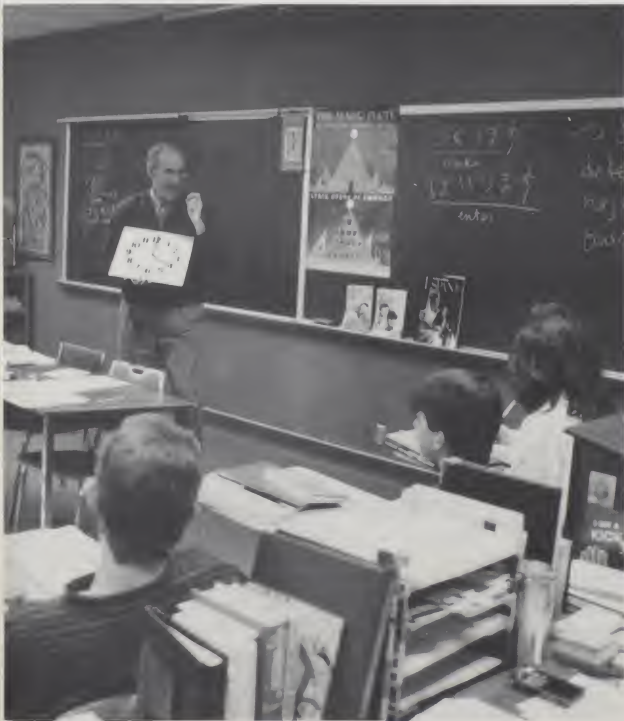


### Mind games

Certainen, a monthly team competition in third-year Latin, quizzes students on all aspects of Rome and Greek life including mythology, culture, grammar, and vocabulary.

### Practice makes perfect.

Vocabulary flash cards enable instructor Diane Mayrl to drill her French I students on correct pronunciation.



### Foreign flavor

Preparing to mix a batch of licuados in Spanish 3 class is sophomore Ryan Schwan. As part of their culture study, foreign language students experimented with foods from the countries they were studying.

### Eastern study

Japanese II Instructor Bliff Geiss reviews the correct way to tell time. Japanese II was offered for the first time this year.



#### Brain power

Preparing for one of their required labs in Physics class are senior Ryan Beverson and junior Andy Kohler. Other science classes offered were chemistry, general science, biology, and A.P. biology.

#### Let's talk

Every Friday, instructor Sidney Reggie leads the class in discussion of current events in American Foreign Policy class. All students must take one of the three U.S. history courses offered to fulfill graduation requirements.





#### Careful calculations

Using her notes to finalize her Physics lab, junior Courtney Bechtold computes her results. Physics was offered on the beginning and advanced levels to accommodate students' interest and ability levels.

#### News update

Prior to discussion in Government class, seniors Karly Randolph and Whitney Lemon read a *Time* magazine article about the 1992 Presidential Election. Government, a graduation requirement, was exclusively for seniors.



# Common Bonds

Amy Dobbs

Academics Editor

**L**ike snowflakes, no two people are exactly alike. However, all people do have a common bond—life. This bond provided a need to recognize the importances of similarities and differences.

Students learned about other lives through social studies and science. Social studies showed past and present lives, and how they affected one another. Science provided students with the knowledge to further their own lives and helping to make others better.

Social studies classes ranged from the required U.S. History, Government, and Economics, to electives such as Psychology and Sociology. With this wide variety, students had the chance to learn about themselves, yet to be informed about world affairs.

"I can analyze my life and think of things in a new manner," said senior Hashi Nagabadi, psychology student. "Even though I was required

## RELATIONS

### History contributes to future fields of science

to take Government I enjoyed learning about how our government works and how our forefathers reflected on our present day government," senior Karen Acres said.

Three courses were added to the social studies curriculum. They were Frontiers, Foreign Relations, and Current Events. Current Events provided the opportuni-

**"I can analyze my life.. in a new manner."  
--Hashi Nagabadi**

ty to apply techniques of investigation and inquiry to the study of problems or issues.

"Foreign Relations which was offered for the first time gave students a historical economi-

cal, cultural, and socialistic view on key players in the world since 1945," instructor Debbie Fray said.

Like social studies, science

also featured required and elective courses. Four semesters of science were required to graduate. Students could choose from the three areas of science which included biology, chemistry, and physics.

"All students need a basic understanding of what science can offer them and how to apply the information once they have received it," science teacher Karen Hartman said.

Advanced classes such as physics and chemistry provided experience for college bound students with hands-on experience.

Students who were interested in astronomy were recommended to have a semester of either physics or chemistry beforehand.

Classes offered on the basic level were General Science and Rocky Mountain Geological Biological Field Experience, which was offered during the summer session.

"Earth Space Science surprised me by really relating to our lives. It did not just cover rocks, elements, and atoms," senior Katrina O'Dell said.

Learning more about life and its involvement in a historical and scientific perspective enabled students to prepare better for life. ♦

# Related Studies

Kim Cruikshank

Academics Editor

**R**iding a bike is said to be a skill that can never be forgotten once the basic concept is grasped. Just peddle with your feet, steer with your arms, and watch with your eyes. Coordinate the three and the concept of bike riding will be an almost natural skill.

The math and business departments were also filled with concepts. Type with certain fingers, put numbers in the correct place, and use specific formulas to get the right answer.

The math department classes ranged from Basic Math to Trigonometry and Calculus.

Also offered were specialized courses including PASCAL, which was an introduction to computer terminology with emphasis placed on the writing of programs to solve problems.

A track system was incorporated into Algebra, Geometry, and Pre-Calculus. Tracking allowed students to work according to their own skills.

Track 1 was created for students with a high ability to grasp mathematic concepts. Track 2 was designed for math-

## CONCEPTS

### Math background helps expand business ideas

science oriented students. Those with average or slightly below average abilities were placed in Track 3.

"Algebra classes offer a chance to develop what is needed to succeed in a higher mathematic course," said Don Scott, math teacher.

The math department greatly coordinated it offerings with the business department. To be able to understand the business con-

**"Computer labs..allow time for students to do work."**

**- - Ruth Fortney**

cepts, students had to understand math concepts.

"Accounting skills can help in things as simple as balancing a checkbook," senior Megan Kennedy said.

Business classes ranged from Keyboarding to computer applications, which

were courses aimed at all students, to courses specifically designed to prepare students for a business career such as

Marketing and Accounting.

All business courses were electives, but students were required to have four credits of math to graduate. Students were, however, encouraged to take business courses to balance their schedules.

"Basic computer and business skills are important concepts to understand to be able to succeed in most work atmospheres," said Vella Anderson, business teacher.

The Speedwriting and notetaking course was added to the business curriculum to help prepare students for their future. Speedwriting taught students a form of shorthand to help them in their futures.

"Speedwriting will prepare students for taking lecture notes both on the college and high school levels," Anderson said.

A computer lab and math tutor were available for students who needed extra help.

"The computer lab, which is open before and after school, allows time for students to do make up work, receive additional help, complete assignments, or type papers for other classes," said Ruth Fortney, business teacher.

To fully understand the importance of business and math, students had to relate the common concepts between the two. Once accomplished, it is a skill never to be forgotten. ♦

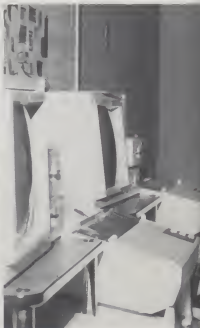
#### Board work

Senior Alison Largura finds humor in Pre-Calculus as she works problems on the board. Working at the board gave students a chance to see what they were doing wrong.



**Tricky fingers**

Learning how to use an adding machine for business purposes is freshman Tom Gott. Introduction to Business offered students a beginning to business.





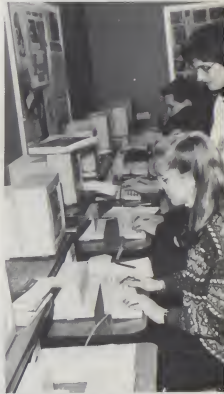


#### Portney feud

Juniors Steve Summerfield and Michelle Rivera race for the bell during a Portney Feud match. The feud helped students enjoy and better understand Marketing.

#### Computer crazed

Concentrating on her work, junior Marthena Baker receives help from instructor Sharon Schroeder. PASCAL is offered to college-bound juniors and seniors intending to major in math or science.



#### Let's compare

Graphing on the computers are juniors Derek Lee and Mike Micka and senior Nancy Ohler. Business courses introduced students to the uses of computers.

#### Screen test

Explaining the basics, Instructor Dale Gott shows his Algebra I class how to do algebraic equations. Algebra I is a prerequisite for most math classes.

### Life saver

Learning basic water safety in swimming class, freshman Shane Whitaker is towed to land. Swimming, a nine-week required course, was offered in various ability levels including Lifesaving.

### Side swing

Hard work helps sophomore Dan Tursman to return the serve to his opponent. Tennis was a popular outside activity for students. Incorporated into all P.E. classes were running and fitness.



### Good eye

Sophomore Kennin Krieger prepares to catch a strike ball as Todd Coffin, P.E. teacher, decides the call. When weather permitted outdoor sports including tennis and softball were offered.

### Team work

A team effort brings senior Josh Anderson and sophomore Kristina Paulauskas together. Volleyball and other indoor sports were played during cold weather. Bowling was also offered at Inman's.



# Fitness Frenzy

Kim Cruikshank

Academics Editor

## CONDITIONING

### Courses provide useful skills for lifelong needs

**E**xercising, sleeping, and eating: three of life's most common activities. If these and other activities are not balanced well, however, good health can be endangered.

Health, substance abuse, and physical education courses can literally change a person's life forever. These classes offered students skills that they could apply to their everyday lifestyle. After taking these courses, a student knew how to balance their activities.

Health was a one-semester course geared mainly to emphasize physical, mental, social, and emotional development. It also allowed to develop emergency first aid care, a basic knowledge of substance abuse, and traffic safety.

"We are giving students life skills that they will use until they die," said Mark Hoffman, Health Department chairperson. Hoffman taught Health and Substance Abuse.

"These classes cover all aspects of living—mental, social, physical, and emotional," Hoff-

man said.

Substance Abuse was not required, but was recommended for today's teenagers. This class emphasized the aspects of peer pressure, family, school, and individual self-concept.

"Health has taught me to live each day with a healthy attitude," said senior Joe Weisger.

Physical education was another required course. During

**"These classes cover all aspects of living..."**  
- - Mark Hoffman

their participation, students were focused on lifetime sports, including softball, tennis, volleyball, golf, bowling, and basketball.

"I feel sports is a mini-society with competition, cooperation, and teamwork," said Physical Education department

chairperson Lorie Cook.

To graduate, students were required to have three semesters of P.E. and one semester of

swimming. They also had to have one semester of health and safety. Many students chose to take Health II and Substance Abuse, however, the classes were not required.

Students realized the importance of these classes for their lifetime activities.

Although physical education and health were required courses, they taught students to take pride in their lives and ways of living. These classes helped to establish a concern for lifelong skills and their role in daily life. Many discovered a new way of managing their thoughts and lives.

"They teach us how to keep fit and maintain good health," said freshman Angela Beck.

"I've learned the proper way to exercise and keep in good health," said senior Leanna Graham.

Students gained valuable skills to use the rest of their lives. They not only learned the basics of staying fit, but also to keep a positive attitude towards themselves and others.

Being happy was a big part of a successful life for everyone. Exercising, sleeping, and eating were daily processes that people had to deal with, however, health, substance abuse, and physical education were great ways to learn how to handle them.

#### Attention getter

Mark Hoffman teaches his Health class about their lives and safety. One semester of Health was required by the state in order to graduate. Advanced classes covered substance abuse in more detail.

#### Batter up

Awaiting the pitch, freshman Kyle Gay contemplates his batting strategy. Coed baseball was offered during the fall and spring sessions.



Reviewing vocabulary exercises from the textbook, senior Elaine Voight prepares for a Spanish quiz. Previous homework proved to be good review material for most tests and quizzes.

Junior Andy Rickman puts the finishing touches on his essay test. Essay tests were among the most difficult due to the preparation required to answer the question completely, according to many students.



# TESTS CAUSE ANXIETY

Becky Gimenez

Student Life Editor

Whether in math, science, English, or history, whether multiple choice, essay, fill-in-the-blanks, true/false, or a combination of all four — tests are a major stress factor in most students' lives.

"For me, the stress comes from not studying," junior Lisa Harrison said. "I always have to cram the hour before if I find time to study at all."

Different types of tests created different levels of anxiety. "Essay tests are hard because they take more preparation", senior Heidi Burke said. "You have to really know the material to be able to answer the question well."

Tests figured largely into students' grades, weighing as much as or more

than homework and participation combined. Depending on whether a student was proficient in a subject or not, test grades could serve either to drag a grade down or work as a buffer. "If I don't do my biology homework once in a while, it won't hurt me too much since my tests pad my grade," junior Kelly Beekman said.

"If I'm not comfortable with a class I have to make sure my homework is done to make space for test grades," said junior Brian Osner.

Tests make up a large portion of a student's life. The importance placed on them in most classes was proportionate to the anxiety experienced by the student. ♦

## Measure for measure

Prior to the ISSMA state competition, Robert Miller directs 'C' Band. Despite the absence of textbooks and lectures, band students underwent evaluations and auditions.







### Test results

English instructor Lenore Hoffman checks her students' work after school. While students worry about preparing for quizzes and exams, teachers spend hours evaluating papers and compiling periodic grades.

### Prep hour

As a student teacher in English and Journalism, Rob Schaffer prepares quizzes for Media Literacy during his preparation period. Although only a temporary assignment, student teachers were responsible for figuring grades.



### Advanced course work

Checking her answers on her advanced placement test is senior Kate Eagan. Students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) Biology were required to complete previous AP tests to prepare for the spring exam.

### Cramming

Junior Adam Crocker takes advantage of a few spare minutes to cram for a test in Sid Reggie's American Foreign Policy Class. Too much homework or a busy night were reasons for last-minute study.



# OUR THOUGHTS

by Boyd Walker

**How do you know when it's going to be a long day?**



“When I'm driving up Campbell, pass through the Glendale stop sign and notice that I am presently sitting at a stoplight—science teacher  
Gina Neuliep”



“I know it's going to be a long day when I fall asleep in my first period class.—freshman  
Alex Lute”



“When I sleep through my alarm, I can't find the homework I know I did, and on the way to school, I remember I left the curling iron on.—junior  
Amy Adams”



“I know it's going to be a long day when I realize how far away the weekend really is.—sophomore  
Jason Jones”

## Concert Choir

Front Row: Megan White, Heidi Hickman, Kristin Lloyd, Steven Spanopoulos, Larry Phillips, Michael Knight, Perrin Bohanung, Jacob Besterman, Adrian Urgino, Kelly Beekman, Amy Nondorf, Kara Schoppa, Heather Autenrieth. Second Row: Tracey Swarthout, Christina Rosado, Erin Casbon, Dana Muhleman, Elizabeth Heinold, Anthony Hudgins, Troy Bond, Brian Gerstenberger, Robert Ealy, Andy Jones, Debbie Lockard, Patricia Bontrager, Tricia Oswald. Third Row: Ellen Carmichael, Kimberly Newton, Leann Bruden, Jennifer Silva, Jamie Bach, Karna Hazen, Ryan Knauff, Joseph Pollard, Daniel Kachur, Kenneth Greich, Sunny Nixon, Mary Troup, Happi Holmes, Christina Mortensen, Jennifer Lute, Director Linda Springer. Back Row: Michelle Brewer, Lisa Gierse, Nicole Bishop, Heidi Burk, Ingrid Hyle, Doug Uehling, John Evans, Robert Gorincen, Jared Poe, Eric Berner, Josh Jones, Fred Warner, Deena Butterfield, Katherine Bachman, Laura Smith, Cate Koskey.



## Mixed Chorus

Front Row: Crissy Farnum, Dawn Guard, Courtney Coughlin, Jessica Long, David Bault, Eric Larson, Mike Candiano, Michelle McDaniels, Tammy Werner, Kelly Kish, Rachel Besterman. Second Row: Accompanist Ellen Carmichael, Lisa Walters, Jennifer Good, Tonya Sittner, Kelly Gerstenberger, Holly Marvin, Trish Blum, Jesse Wilson, Neil Blackman, Jennifer Hawkins, Kirsten Rhinehart, Danielle Crim, Sara Craycraft, Joline Anderson, director Linda Springer. Back Row: Kelly Willard, Jenny Kominaki, Megan Purcell, Cort Norman, Trisha Cook, Rob Dillingham, Roger West, Mike Davies, Carrie Hollett, Amanda Kissingner, Elisha Bauer, Becky Hager, Jodi White.



## Varsity Singers

Front Row: Heidi Burk, Amy Nondorf. Second Row: Happi Holmes, Patti Bontrager, Adrian Urgino, Tricia Oswald. Third Row: Deena Butterfield, Kelly Beekman, Steve Spanopoulos, Karna Hazen. Fourth Row: Elizabeth Heinold, Perrin Bohanung, Josh Jones. Fifth Row: Fred Warner, Debbie Lockard, Jacob Besterman.

Sixth Row: Dana Muhleman, Ken Greich. Seventh Row: Erin Casbon, Larry Phillips. Back Row: Chrissy Rosado, Brian Gerstenberger, Katie Bachman, Laura Smith, Andrew Jones.

## Dance fever

Varsity singer members Katie Bachman, Brian Gerstenberger, and Rob Ealy perform at 'Fall Fantasia.'



# Singers Entertain

Jessica Pacholke

Writer

## PERFORMANCE

### Choirs exhibit musical ideas through concerts

**S**tudents express themselves in different ways. Some write poetry, others read novels, but many students express themselves through singing.

To include all interest and ability levels, the Choral Music Department offered four choirs: Mixed Choir, Girl's Glee Club, Concert Choir and Varsity Singers.

For the inexperienced male or female singer, Mixed Choir provided the basics.

While Mixed Choir admitted anyone without an audition, Girl's Glee Club had specific tryouts for freshman and sophomore girls who wanted to strengthen their voices according to Linda Springer, choral music director.

For experienced juniors and seniors, Concert Choir provided experience performing in public.

Focusing on the mastery of singing, Varsity Singers was the most select choir. The 25-member singing and dancing group

performed at school concerts as well as at community events.

Since one of the main purposes of the Choral Music Department was performing, the choirs entertained at 100 events this year, including the Rotary Club, holiday parties and a Chamber of Com-

merce dinner.

Highlighting the end of the year, 30 concert Choir members traveled to England in June and performed at Cambridge University, and in several cathedrals.

In order to earn money, choir students sponsored two fundraisers: the spaghetti dinner in

**"A singer can letter by...singing solos..."**  
- - Linda Springer

February, and the walk-a-thon in the fall.

Also, to show their spirit, choir members designed and purchased t-shirts.

For their hard work and dedication choir members can also earn a varsity letter.

"A singer can letter by earning points by singing solos, performing in public, or by working at bake sales," Springer said.

"Choir is becoming quite competitive. With this comes the increasing difficulty," she said.

Continuing a tradition of excellence, choral music students earned 150 first place medals at the Indiana State Schools Music Association (ISSMA) solo and ensemble state contest February 22 in Indianapolis.

Of the 30 solos and 15 ensembles, 31 received first place ratings, and four earned second place rank.

This year also marked the highest participation ever by VHS in district contest, said Ellen Carmichael, accompanist. While 68 students entered in solos, 296 entered in ensembles.

In a world where expression is a vital source of distinction, choir has proven itself to be dedicated to perfection and excellence.



Seasoned entertainers



Girls' Glee

Choral music director Linda Springer introduces the performers at the annual Fall Fantasia concert.

Front Row: Kim Newton, Jill Petcu, Heather Samansky. Second Row: Chelsea Abbott, Jennifer Becerra, Heather Paulson, Julie

Hugus, Marcie Wilcox, Amanda McCormack, Renee Gilbert, Erin Osner. Third Row: Jan Richards, Cyndi Bontrager, Hope Fierst, Amy Gleason, Charlotte Saver, Debbie Boyd, Jennie Basinski, Stephanie Shipley, Shannon Payne, Amy Crowe. Back Row: Accom-

panist Ellen Carmichael, Angi Vereb, Jenni Hurst, Martha Gioia, Jennifer Dopp, Jennifer Burrus, April Hodge, Mary Schultz, Shawna Dickson, Andrea Shestak, Director Linda Springer.

## 'A' Band

Front Row: Catherine Bonifas, Holly Rosenbaum, Amy Newell, Sarahlyn Lester, Maria Hawkins, Rachel Oswald, Rachel Hurst, Diana Lozano, Judy Barbknecht, Kristen Müller, Jenny Lashbrook, Angie Schoenbeck, Angela Metzger. Second Row:

Karen Mantel, Amy Bretts, Chris Balentine, Jessica Besterman, Melissa Handley, Karin Anderson, Trisha Hawkins, Kevin Haley, Leslee Hewlett, Kara Schultheis, Jennifer Hewlett, Katie Bachman, Laura Thomas, Laurie Knauff, Melissa Trott, Tonya Wampler. Third Row: Tami Higer, Holly Balon, Jenny Frailey, Julie Puffer,

Solitaire Briggs, Diana Fleig, Emily Villarreal, Kim Westlake, Amy Mutka, Lisa Tuyschavers, Jennifer Hersemann, Amy Pinkerton, Molly Fagan, Elizabeth Esola, Anita Talevski, Stephanie Demkowski, Tim Marler, Casey Schuetz, Isaiiah Long, Cathy Anderson, Bridget Flory, Eric Brown, Fourth Row: Eric Burner, Cindy Crowley,

Chris Barber, Peter Shriner, Anthony Higgins, Mark Blackman, Ryan Frank, Day Hollar, Kerry McGuirt, Amy Zulch, Ke Eichorn. Back Row: Karl Keach, Ryan Schwartz, Jay Will, Roger Tatum, Tom King, Aaron Vnuuk, Jeff Kosman, Mike Weber, Mike Hans, Harry Prassias, Carol Nobles, Eric Frank, Renee Gilbert.



# Musical Tradition

Amy Dobbs

Academics Editor



ariety is wide in the field of music. Rock, Country, Heavy Metal, and Classical can be found

on any radio. Artists such as Elton John, The Rolling Stones, and Phil Collins have helped create musical eras and history.

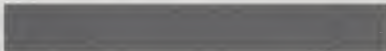
The 'A' Band has made its own contributions to musical history by winning the state competition for the past five years.

Winning these competitions required dedication and hard work from the students and directors. Many students took private lessons to help further their musical skills, while others spent many hours practicing. 'B' Band helped cheer the 'A' Band on to first place in the state, while working on their competition at state as well.

"We've been extremely proud

## EXCELLENCE

Dedicated members use talent for achievements



of both the 'A' and 'B' Bands," said 'B' director Daniel Pritchett. "With the addition of the 'C' Band we've been able to concentrate even more on individual sound and quality."

"We've been ...proud of both the 'B' and the 'A' Bands," D. Pritchett

'A' and 'B' Bands participated in at least three formal concerts, solo and ensemble contests, marching band, and out-of-town performances. 'A' Band was composed mostly of seniors

and juniors while 'B' Band was made up of mostly sophomores and freshmen.

"Some of our goals for the band program include variety in music styles and rhythms, friendships between band students, playing to the best of one's ability, and to enjoy the music we play," said 'A' Band director Robert Miller.

"I've made a lot of good friends through band," said senior Anita Talevski. "Everyone is real supportive of one another especially at contest."

"One of the things I enjoy most about band is not only the thrill of going to state, but also watching everyone pull together and work extra hard," said senior Brian Gerstenberger.

"Being a part of the band requires about the same amount of time that a sport would," said Pritchett. "Keeping the state title is not something we take for granted. Every year it's another challenge we take seriously."

Just like a team, the 'A' and 'B' Bands have successfully pulled together and made musical history. ♦





### Solo performance

Senior Mark Blackman leads the band in playing the "Star Spangled Banner" at a home football game. At the end of marching season, the band was divided into 'A', 'B', and 'C' Concert Band.

### Left ... Right ...

Marching in the 12th annual Popcorn Parade are Valparaiso High School's 'A', 'B', and 'C' Bands. High school bands throughout Porter County participated in this event.



### 'B' Band

First Row: Sarah Hites, Alyssa Swenson, Gina Greutzbarg, Michelle Pappas, Valerie Piehl, Tara Potti, Amber Maul, Meghan Davies, Ellen Clifford, Charlene Williams, Michelle Pio. Second Row: Laura Owens,

Angela Beck, Kris Brennan, Leticia Herr, Jamie Roof, Brandi Carnahan, Tamara Breit, Justin Schmidt, Rachael Mack, Danielle Bishop, Susan Krausbeck, Anna Gratz, Julie Hollar, Chris Marsch. Third Row: Laura Hollenbeck, Malinda Reynolds, Becky Covington, Lenore Joyce, Shannon Swanson, Bill Oliver, Kim

Kuehl, Mike Pulldao, Steve Calloway, Matt Lamb, Erik Iverson, Stephanie Breit, Larua Eleff, Nicole Diggs, Adrian Ugrino, Jason Rugza, Stephanie Sweitzer, John Ashbaugh. Fourth Row: Greg Gatson, Matt Rickman, Mark Roscoe, Keith Parapalboon, Frank Rocchio, Lindsay Brown, Margaret McGough, Ann Ehlers, Amber

Burdette, Casee Hewitt. Back Row: Tom Hughes, Andy Urschel, Zach Malasto, Sam Clifford, Naho Seki, Andrew Jones, Allison Eichhorn, Jordan Williams, Brad Wolf, Dan Hutson. Band members competed in the Indiana State Schools Music Association (ISSMA) solo and ensemble contest in February.

# Growing Interest

Aaron Vnuk

Writer

**F**or anything to be successful, it first must gain interest and support. With interest, it will usually grow into a

prosperous program.

Just three years ago, the Orchestra consisted of only 22 members. This year, however, Orchestra has 44 members, mostly underclassmen.

"The enrollment has grown primarily because of the improved beginning program and more interest in the program," said Robert Miller, Orchestra director and Music Department chairperson.

"As the Orchestra gets better, more students will be willing to join and it will continue to grow at a steady rate," Miller said.

Orchestra's introductory program begins in fifth grade, a year earlier than the band program.

"The theory is that strings are more difficult, therefore, more time is needed," Miller said.

## CONCERTS

### Growth contributes to groups' achievements

"It gives the Orchestra an extra year of maturity before high school and that helps," he said.

With the growing interest also came new goals for the Orchestra. For the first time in its history, Orchestra entered the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) state contest in Group I, the highest group.

**"Enrollment has grown because of interest."**

**-----Robert Miller**

"We entered Group I for the first time, and our goal was to make the state finals," Miller said.

The Orchestra also performed at many concerts during the year, including the music department's December production, "This is Our Story."

Just like Orchestra, the band program also grew, forcing the

addition of a third band, 'C' Band, in 1990.

The purpose of this band was to balance out instrumentation in all of the bands and provide the freshman a place to start out in the high school program.

"We were just too big for two bands," said Daniel Pritchett, 'C' Band director.

"'C' Band is the first step of high school band for most freshmen, and it gets them ready for the upcoming years in the other two bands," he said.

Pritchett attributed the band's growth to the consistent success of the 'A' and 'B' Bands.

"The interest is definitely due to 'A' and 'B' success at state. The better they do, it helps," Pritchett said.

With the growth, 'C' Band entered Group II at ISSMA contest, only one step below 'A' and 'B' Bands.

As part of Marching Band, 'C' Band was included in the Popcorn Festival and VU Homecoming Parades. The 66-member band also performed at several concerts, including the all-school program "This is Our Story."

The growth in 'C' Band and Orchestra allowed each program to improve its performance level.

#### 'C' Band

Front Row: Bethany Hazen, Tammy Kehe, Mandy Spencer, Farrah Mathis, Natalie Bulb, Carrie Barber, Christina Sherlock, Jane Barbknecht, Kim Sturgell, Lisa Porapaboon, Sheri Keller. Second Row: Kelley Yagelski, Amanda Hager, Amy Lashbrook, Brandy Cove, Adam Burke, Heather Allen, Jessica Hicks, Jamie Bluhm, Allison Seward, Carol Barney, Tiffany Pullara, Danielle Bishop, Elizabeth Fliege, Sawi Abey, Stephanie Hutnick, Debbie Little. Third Row: Cara Whisler, Jessica Gray, Julie Berry, Kelly Lawhead, Matt Hassler, Paul Foreman, Josh Viers, Brian Benway, Carey Brown, Michael Cruz, Josh McChristian, Don Wallace, Cheryl Gilbert, Alexis Reneham, Mark Bowers, Lauren Garcia, Mark Kolar. Fourth Row: Jon Myers, Jessica Lester, Mahinda Ratnayake, Matt Vale, Brad Hewlett, Dan Hayford, Mike Miller, Karl Berner, Jason Rodimel, Back Row: David Fordham, Clarence Lovell, Tim Christman, Tina Hiseck, Bryan Tullis, Ben Bonkoski, James Bovy, Derek Schoppa, Nathan Eagen, Rob Kubiszak, Garry Oswald, Jared Dhaemers, Dana Saxe, Heidi Rosenbaum, Dustin Williams, Gloria Samansky, Sara Kuebler.





### Orchestra

Front Row: Ingrid Hyle, Ulrika Karlsson, Becky Hull, Dennis Marrell, Dana Moore, Chris Lehman, Devashree Gupta, Emily Pinkerton, Marthena Baker, Christy Stingley. Second Row: Ryan Lauer, Paul Senne, Tom Calloway, Francis Mazur, Anne Maesch, Jackie Schinring, Andrea Haiser, Renee Tomerlin, Kara Christian, Jason Bearce, Meg Ehlers, Michael Bustos, Erica Chael, Beth Rudd, Natalie Demaru. Back Row: Alex Samardzich, Adam Laws, Jolina Graves, Rebecca Reichardt, Robert Miller, Monica Schafer, Jason Villarreal, Eva Ludington, Charlotte Sarver, Jason Dennington, Amanda Rogers, Kelly Galbraith, Terry Anderson, Dustin Williams, Larry Phillips, Michael Roszkowski, Anna Grogg.



### String leader

Orchestra director Robert Miller prepares the group for an upcoming performance. For the first time, the Orchestra entered the Indiana State School Music Association in Group I.



### Playing the field

During football season, the 'A', 'B' and 'C' Bands combine to form the Marching Band. Formations were practiced outdoors during class.

### Heavy metal

Despite a broken arm, freshman David Fordham concentrates on his xylophone music. 'C' Band was composed primarily of freshman musicians.



#### High tech

Preparing to finish his project, senior Steve Price gathers his materials. The Manufacturing Systems Design and Engineering class gave students the chance to further their knowledge about modern technology.

#### Computer whiz

Hands-on training allows sophomore John Ontto to create an original design in Construction Planning and Development. The class incorporates AUTOCAD programs for building design.





# Modern Industry

Susan Jensen

Academics Editor

## TECHNOLOGY

### Advanced equipment allows for experience



design messages, and learn about computers.

Tools and machines were widely used in manufacturing technology courses. Materials were processed and marketability was determined, through such courses such as Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) product and design and plastic technology. Through

**"... They (students) help produce what goes on."  
-Gary Gray**

this process, students learned management processes as well as how to use machines.

"At first I was a little overwhelmed at the equipment, but once I understood the process it seemed

real interesting," sophomore Jamie Cruikshank said.

Construction was more than learning how to build

houses, the course included many other processes. Students learned about the planning and designing of buildings, towers, and civil structures such as tunnels, pipelines, highways, and dams. The lab also came alive with the experience of activities.

"When students have a hands-on project they not only hear about what goes on, they help produce what is going on," Gray said.

Rockets, conveyors, motorcycles, and ships were just a few of the areas covered by the transportation department. Students tested various vehicles and improved their efficiency. Classes in this area included Energy Power and Advanced Energy Power.

A new course added to the transportation department was Design and Evaluation of transportation systems. "This course will offer students the chance to learn and design modern transportation systems," Gray said.

With new advances arising daily, students were more aware of the possibilities and challenges that technology can present. ♦

**E**verybody has used some type of technology at one time or another, whether it was using a computer, flying a jet, or talking on the phone. However, many people do not stop to consider where this technology came from.

Four basic areas of study included: communication, construction, manufacturing, and transportation.

"Our technology department offers students the opportunity to not only design technology, but to have hands on experience with technical equipment," said Gary Gray, Industrial Technology Department chairperson.

Communication included classes such as Electronic Communication, Graphic Communication, and Mass Communication, which all taught students about the communication process. Students were able to take pictures, make ads, conduct a broadcast,



**Lumber jack**

**Safety first**

Working on a wood project, senior Steve Kiern uses the Industrial Technology equipment. Wood Material Processing class teaches machine tool operation to prepare students for future occupations.

Stephen Krutz, an Industrial Technology instructor, demonstrates the use of an electric saw. The correct use of the equipment is taught in Wood Material Processing.

### Child's play

Cleaning up after playing with playdough is sophomore Danielle Shearhod and a nursery school student. The Child Development class Nursery school was for students ranging in ages from 3-5.

### Eager to learn

Taking notes during Child Development class is sophomore Meghan Davies. Students interested in early childhood or elementary education were recommended to take this class.



### It's sew easy

Getting help pinning her material from teacher Mary Stephan is sophomore Paula Becerra. Students in Textiles/Clothing were able to create their own unique clothing.

### Frugal Gourmet

Mixing the batter in Foreign Foods is senior Barbara Surbeck. In addition to preparing food from various countries, table setting and etiquette were emphasized during this course.



# Gaining Abilities

Susan Jensen

Academics Editor

## EXPERIENCE

### Means of survival are useful for better lives

**E**veryone knows that people go to school for an education. Students learn reading, writing, and arithmetic from kindergarten through the twelfth grade. However, being able to read or write will not help a person cook their food, maintain a household, or deal with relationships.

The Home Economics Department helped students develop their abilities in cooking, sewing, parenting, banking, and relationships, which were all necessary for survival after graduation in the real world.

"These are survival skills in our society and they help students when they go out on their own," said Ginger Sajdera, home economics teacher.

Since all people need to eat to survive, Foreign Foods and Foods/Nutrition classes were available for students to learn how to cook.

"Being taught to cook basic

meals gave us an alternative to fast food," said Bret Kutansky, a Foods student.

Because teens often may have problems dealing with their image of married life or their emotions, Interpersonal Relations and Marriage /Family

**"These are the survival skills in society,"**  
--Ginger Sajdera

Living were classes dealing with these issues.

In order for adults to survive, they must be able to keep track of their money and other resources. Consumer Education taught students how to plan a budget, balance

checkbooks, and obtain insurance.

To work one-on-one with children, Child Development offered a nursery school for children ages 3-5. Students interacted with the children by playing games and doing projects. This class also helped students learn about parenting.

"Hands-on experience gives the care-giver a chance to relate to the children," said Cheryl Bagnall, Child Development teacher.

Careers in home economics are common. Textiles/Clothing and Advanced Clothing gave students the opportunity to make their own clothes and improve their sewing skills. Specific stitchery types such as embroidery and knitting were taught in Needlecraft.

Juniors and seniors who wanted to learn all the aspects of a home were able to take Interior Design. This class helped them learn how to decorate and furnish a home.

Home Economics was an area most students could take and it would help in their lifestyle some way or another. Most people cook, do their laundry, or budget their money at some time in their lives.

To survive in life, certain basic abilities are necessary. The Home Economics Department provided the experience students needed to order in order to learn.



Foreign feast

Junior Shelley Miscikowski cuts their foreign creation while juniors Lori Lewis and Kristitine Stephan look on. Students got to try a variety of different foods.



Threading the needle

Concentrating on her project, senior Trisa Daniele finishes her seams and prepares for the final touches. In Textiles/Clothing, sewing could only be done during class time.

#### Careful please

#### Easy does it

Preparing their film for development, seniors Jenny Atwood and Roni Gold are careful not to ruin the process. Film had to be developed in a process of seven steps.

With a careful hand, junior Brenda McCleary makes final adjustments to her ceramics project. All students were required to take Basic Art prior to enrollment in any specialized art classes.



# First Impression

Kim Cruikshank

Academics Editor

**T**he first time a child draws with a crayon, he creates art. Art comes in many shapes and sizes. Whether sculptures, paintings, pictures, jewelry, or sketches. Art can represent different things to people.

Whether it is a first scribble of a toddler or a well-planned photo shoot, art displays a variety of personal styles and tastes.

To be able to express themselves, students were offered a number of classes in the art field. Drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, jewelry, and computer graphics were some of the most popular courses offered.

"Students start with the basics. Basic classes are just a sampling of the fine arts," said Kurt Anderson, art instructor.

Among firsts for the fine arts department was Art Career Day, November 14, was

## CREATIVITY

### Artistic creations help encourage expression

designed to inform students about the Visual Arts field.

The presentation by art schools and companies from California, Chicago, and local areas made information, which included the qualifications of potential students and employees, available to students. These companies

**"Basic classes are a sampling of the fine arts." -Kurt Anderson**

stressed the importance of creativeness and the master of drawing.

"Drawing is the basis of every media profession," Anderson said.

Another first for the department was the addition of the Computer Graphics course. The syllabus for the class was based on teaching students

how to input information into a computer and output in a different artistic way.

"Computer Graphics can prepare the students with new technical art," said Carolyn Lelek, instructor.

Photography classes explained how to handle equipment and darkroom procedures. The courses include contests in black and white development, which utilized divergent thinking processes. While working on layouts for magazines, students got a taste of the professional fields.

"Photography is like playing God. I can create an image and manipulate the light," said senior Dan Kachur, a photography student.

The Commercial Art classes, which provided skills in design, coordinated the decorations for the band performance, "This Is Our Story," in December.

Many firsts were established in the art department. Classes and an Art Career Day were added. Art represented many things to all that saw the results of the new beginnings. What ever the interpretation of art it always is an original first.





#### Finishing touches

Smoothing her sculpture to perfection, senior Angela Djurovic uses class time to ready her work for competition. In addition to clay, sculpture class used metal, wood, fiber, and plaster.

#### Wind up

Juniors Tim Moore and Jim Rickards practice rolling their film onto the developing reel before in photography class. Basic Photography class only worked with black and white film.



#### Creative concentration

Since craftsmanship is the key component to jewelry making, sophomore Jennifer Garrard carefully files her ring in Jewelry class. Jewelry provided opportunities for students to design and create original pieces of jewelry.



# Benefiting Our Lives ...in Clubs Additions

Andrea Caporale

Editor-In-Chief

Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Parlors boast a menu of 31 flavors from which to choose.

Likewise, Valparaiso High School offered a variety of 31 organizations to choose from depending on interest. Just as Baskin Robbins changes its flavors each month, VHS adjusted its selection of extra-curricular activities to meet the students' interests.

Because of an increasing interest in the industrial arts program and the French language, two new clubs were added to the list of organizations. The Industrial Technology Club provided students with the opportunity to explore technological advances outside the classroom.

Giving French students additional cultural activities, Le Cercle Francais, provided students the chance to enrich their interest in the French culture.

Clubs which showed continued popularity were Foreign Exchange Club, Drama Club, and Earth Awareness Club. Students, who wanted to participate in student government, became active in Student Council and Student Faculty Senate, while those who wanted to assist others and themselves joined V-Teens, HOPE, and SADD.

Intramurals provided students, who wanted to be involved in athletics, the chance to participate in some form of a competitive sport.

Students who were musically inclined joined either Jazz Ensemble or Studio Band to enhance their musical talent.

By participating on a publication, students were given the opportunity to explore the field of journalism through either staffs of the *Viking Press* or *Valenian*.

While Baskin Robbins' main goal was to please the customers' tastes, students selected a variety of clubs because we were **BENEFITING OUR LIVES.** ♦



#### Holiday celebration

Prior to Weihnachtsfest, the German Club's annual Christmas dinner, junior Doug VanWienen and his mother Shirley prepare the table decorations.

#### Performance

Entertaining the crowd during halftime at a home football game against Hobart is sophomore Nicole Janda. Vikettes met as a class during the day to practice their routines.



#### Attention getter

Sophomore Mia Sorrick sells tickets for the fall musical "Godspell" at the bookstore. Drama Club decorated the area around the window to attract students.



#### Musical talent

Enjoying a moment alone, senior Lori Hutteringer plays her guitar at the Natural Helpers retreat in October. The organization was designed to show student support for one another.



# EXPAND

## Teams' efforts bring excellence

Bret Kutansky

Writer

No crowds jam the stands to watch them compete. There is no band playing the school fight song. They don't work toward earning a letter. Nevertheless, the members of the Academic Superbowl, Academic Decathlon, Quiz Bowl, and Spell Bowl teams enjoyed matching wits as an alternative to athletic contests.

The Academic Superbowl team competed in three-member squads in the subjects of fine arts, math, English, social studies, science, and all-around. Each year a theme or time period is chosen as the basis for all questions. This year, 25 students answered questions about the Renaissance at an invitational, area, and state meet.

"It gives students a chance to compete academically outside of class," Elizabeth Hall, Academic Superbowl sponsor, said.

Like the Superbowl competition, the Academic Decathlon team participated in 10 events: math, economics, the fine arts, speech, essay, science, language and literature, social science, an interview, and a super quiz.

Members were chosen by G.P.A., transcripts, teacher recommendations, and an interview. Unlike the other competitions, the Decathlon team consisted of three 'A', three 'B', and three 'C' students.

"They have more discipline because there is no crowd cheering them on," John Hershberger, co-sponsor, said.

Similar competition filled the schedules of the 15-member Quiz Bowl team which competed in math, science, English, and social studies.

"The emphasis, however, was on having fun," sponsor Ben Austin said.

Spell Bowl members were chosen from top scores on spelling tests to compete under coach John Knauff. All competition took place during first semester.

Through hard work and study, academic teams truly stretched their limits.

*Hardwork  
and  
knowledge  
are  
elements of  
academic  
clubs*



**Spell Bowl Team**

Front Row: Dan Hayford, Brian Benway, Jeff Sederberg, Angela Bollhorst, Becky Hull, Back Row: Adrian Urgino, Tom Caloway, Jason Schiesser, Laura

Owens, Marie Fattore, John Knauff, sponsor. Not pictured: Jeff Mullen, Julie Hollar, Cristal Choo-Kang, Michelle Bergquist. Spell Bowl members were chosen from scores they received on various spelling and comprehension tests.



**Quiz Bowl Team**

Front Row: Renee Gilbert, Andrea Haster, Marthena Baker. Back Row: Sponsor Ben Austin, Kate Eagen, BJ Austin. Students competed in math, English, and science.

**"I" before "E"?**

Checking the correct spelling of a word is sophomore Spell Bowl member Marie Fattore. Accuracy was an important element of competition.





### Practice makes perfect!

In order to be ready for the upcoming Academic Decathlon state meet, seniors Linda Lee, Paul Brown, and Tim Nash consult each other on geographical facts. The team placed third at state competition.



### Academic Decathlon Team

Front Row: Nancy Bender, Co-sponsor; Paul Brown, Valerie Reichardt, Jacob Besterman, Second Row: Troy Bond, David Hollar, Brian Griffiths, Third Row: Tim Nash, Adam Snyder, Back Row: Linda Lee, Not pictured: John Hershberger, co-sponsor.

### Academic Super Bowl Team

Front Row: Elizabeth Hall, sponsor; Erica Cheal, Tom Calloway, Dana Moore, Second Row: Jamie Edgecomb, Christine Stingley, Jeff Kosman, Liz Beltz, Brandon Quinn, Third Row: Casee Hewlett, Jen Hewlett, Sean Swenson, Sara-lynn Lester, Molly Fagan, Kate Eagen, Back Row: Ryan Malayer, Kevin Eichhorn, Kevin Mantel, Jim Hanlon.



## Creating

Designing ads on the Macintosh computers is Advertising Manager and systems Editor Ryan Malayter. Malayter oversaw all advertising sales and computer programming for the Viking Press.

## Cooperation

Juniors Susie Jessen and Tami Higer work together to complete their sections. In order to meet deadlines, staffers were required to help one another after their own jobs were finished.



**Quill and Scroll**

Front Row: Dina Lozano, Sarah Pappas, Jeff Precourt, Kara Conkle, Andrea Caporale. Second Row: Stacy Adam, Valerie Reichardt, Kim Abner, Debbie Boyd, Mandy Marquardt. Back Row: Ryan Malayter, Valerie

Polewski, Melissa Ehrenberg, Lisa Harrison, Becky Gimenez. Quill and Scroll was an honorary society for year-long Valenian and Viking Press staff members. Induction for Quill and Scroll takes place at the annual spring awards banquet in May.



**Valenian Staff**

Front Row: Becky Gimenez, Kim Brennan, Mandy Marquardt, Tami Higer, Amy Dobbs. Second Row: Gloria

Zimmerman, advisor; Andrea Caporale, Kara Conkle, Kim Abner, Susie Jessen. Tim Marler. Back Row: Kim Cruikshank, Robin Beesley, Debbie Boyd, Heidi Letz,

Kirsten Johnson. The 1991 Valenian received the Medalist award from Columbia Scholastic Press Association, and National Scholastic Press Association's All-American Award.

# MEMORIES

## Writers capture year's events

Kim Brennan and Mandy Marquardt

### Club Editors

When a musician wants to record a new album, he needs more than just his guitar. Producers, song-writers, and publicists are just a few things needed to put together a successful release.

Like an album, the student publications Valenian and the Viking Press were long-term projects consisting of several talented people.

Both publications, which were offered as English classes, have a prerequisite of English/Journalism class or a teacher recommendation. Grades for Valenian and Viking Press were based on meeting copy, layout, and advertising deadlines throughout the year.

"Valenian isn't like other classes. There aren't textbooks, but the students are required to work independently to complete monthly layout and copy deadlines," said Gloria Zimmerman, publication advisor.

Some students felt freedom was the most positive aspect of being on the 15-member staff yet with the freedom came increased responsibility.

"Before I was on Valenian, I always procrasti-

nated. Being on the staff has taught me not to put things off until the last minute," said junior Robin Beesley, album editor.

While Valenian was an annual publication with the supervision of senior Andrea Caporale, editor-in-chief, Viking Press was a monthly publication.

"It informs students as well as the community about current events," said Stacy Adam, managing editor.

Under the direction of senior Valerie Polewski, editor-in-chief, the 18-member Viking Press staff composed each monthly issue on Macintosh computers. Staff members tried to cover all student-related activities and events in every issue.

Just as an album requires many people, the Valenian and Viking Press were compilations of the hard work done by their staff members. ♦

### Journalists

strive

to

inform

school

and

community



### Viking Press Staff

Front Row: Stacy Adam, Amy Drever, Don Lukes. Second Row: Dina Lozano, Sarah Pappas, Katy Riley, Amanda Kaluzny. Third Row: Marie Fattore, Valerie Retchardt, Melissa

Ehrenberg, Michael Roszkowski. Back Row: Rachel Hurst, Lisa Harrison, Valerie Polewski, Ryan Malayer, Jeff Precourt. Viking Press which was published each month, appealed to both students and faculty by covering current events.

### Hard at Work

Editor-in-chief Andrea Caporale organizes the ladder for the 1992 Valenian. Caporale supervised the production of the book which had the theme "Stretching Our Limits."

## Behind the scenes

Applying makeup to senior Ken Greich before a "Godspell" performance is Drama Club sponsor Alice Gambel. "Godspell" try-outs were open to all students.

## Teaming up

Preparing for the next Debate meet are sophomore Tim Retner and team captain Devashree Gupta. The senior earned a place as 1st alternate to nationals.



Practice, practice

Toga day

Speech and Debate team members prepare for their meet against Chesterton. Team members spent many hours after school and on weekends researching before meets.

As part of Drama Club initiation seniors Jeff Daly and Deena Butterfield wear togas and carry scrolls during school. Initiation was held each year to induct new members.





# TALENT

## Members entertain community

Kim Brennan and Mandy Marquardt

### Clubs Editors

When Jim Henson created the Muppets he gave each one a unique personality and talent. The Swedish Chef was an excellent cook, Beaker was good at chemistry, and Gonzo liked to be shot out of cannons.

The members of the Drama Club and the Speech and Debate Teams each had their own set of talents which allowed them to excel. "I think Drama Club people tend to be more outgoing, spirited, and knowledgeable in theatre," said Alice Gambel, sponsor.

The 115-member club's activities included the fall musical "Godspell"; winter children's plays, and April Antics, which gave students a chance to show off individual talents throughout the year.

Senior member Ken Greich used his dramatic arts background to teach younger children at the Boy's and Girl's Club.

"Drama Club has helped me become more confident with people. I'm glad I can pass my knowledge on to others," Greich said.

Speech and Debate members also gained poise

through activities.

"People who start out meek and quiet are much more confident by the end of the season in a group and in one-on-one situations," said Dr. Larry Stuber, debate coach.

The Speech and Debate teams attended school-related competitions including sectionals, regionals, and state tournaments, and several were selected as alternates to national competitions.

"This year we have about 70 people on our two teams. We have a nice blend of age; no one class dominates competitions," said Stuber.

In the movie "Muppets Take Manhattan" each muppet used his or her individual talent to make the show a success. Like the muppets, the members of Drama Club and Speech and Debate used their qualities to shine. ♦

**Public  
performance  
allows  
students  
to develop  
speaking  
skills**



### Musical match

Senior Deena Butterfield shows her love to sophomore Michael Kohler during "Godspell". Cast members designed their costumes.

### Drama Club Officers

Front Row: Fred Warner, president; Linda Lee, secretary; Josh Jones, vice-president. Back Row: Solitaire Briggs, treasurer.

# OUR THOUGHTS

by Tara-Peotti

**Describe your  
most embarrassing  
moment in  
high school**



“When I was walking up the stairs to go to first hour, I tripped on a stair, and my books flew all over the place, and everybody laughed at me.”  
- freshman,  
Frank Heredia



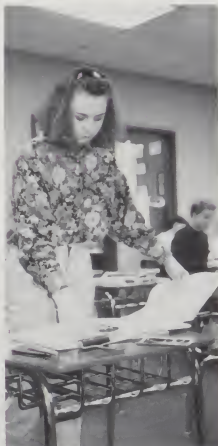
“I accidentally walked into the men's bathroom and looked at the stalls and I was thinking to myself, why don't they have doors? The most embarrassing part was walking out and having everybody look at me.”  
- sophomore,  
Jenny Stevens



“In a ‘Grease’ performance Josh Jones and I tripped over some garbage cans making a lot of noise. It wasn't supposed to happen.”  
- senior, Fred R. Warner

## Raise your hands

Entertaining football fans, the Poms perform their halftime routine. Although Vikettes was a class, many after-school practices were necessary in order to perfect each routine.



## Spreading her talents

Valenian editor, senior Andrea Caporale, works on a layout in order to meet a deadline. Eighteen staffers worked all year to produce the 1992 Valenian.

## Share the wealth

Student Council members collect gifts for the Christmas Gift Drive. Gifts were distributed to many needy children in the Valparaiso area.





#### Spirit leaders

Varsity cheerleaders try to rouse the crowd at the home game against Michigan City Rogers. Required to attend most athletic events, cheerleaders also sponsored the homecoming dance.

#### Showing their spirit

Spirit Club members decorate the boys' locker room before the Homecoming game. Spirit Club was responsible for sending all players candy bags and decorating before certain games.



# M AKING THE DIFFERENCE

Kim Abner

#### Sports Editor

Although the entire school reaps the benefits of a successful dance, fund raiser, or community activity, only a dedicated few ever put any time or effort into such projects. The people who make these projects a reality, spend long hours after school working on committees or preparing for meetings.

Ironically, regardless of the size of the organization, a small group of leaders usually took on overseeing an activity. Despite the amount of work necessary to make an event success-

ful, most active members and officers said they enjoyed being involved in clubs because they believed they could make a difference, and they enjoyed seeing the clubs accomplishments when everything was completed.

"Sometimes things get very chaotic, but when you see everything come together, it's a great feeling," said Aaron Copeland, Student Council president.

One reason that many people joined the clubs in the first place, was so that their voice could be heard.

"People shouldn't complain about things unless they are doing something to try to change them," said Suzanne Dick, a member of Student Council, SADD, and V-Teens as well as president of the Student Faculty Senate.

Although some students felt the despair of a failed situation, many felt joy in seeing their work appreciated.



#### To save the earth

Earth Awareness Club members senior Jeff Wetzel and juniors Christy Mortenson and Megan White collect cans as part of a recycling program. EAC collected cans the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

## Jingle bell rock

Christmas spirit was shown as Jazz Ensemble performs in the holiday program, "This is Our Story." Jazz Ensemble was featured every year at the concert to add swing to the evening.



## All that jazz

Jazz Ensemble members Casey Schuetz, Tami Higer, and Erik Iverson practice for an upcoming competition. Jazz Ensemble met on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to practice.



## Jammin'

Junior Josh Jones plays his electric guitar during Jazz ensemble practice. Jazz Ensemble played at the Perry Meridan Jazz Fest in the spring and competed at the Purdue Jazz Fest.

## Studio Band

Front Row: Bill Oliver, Josh Viers, Matt Lamb, Paul Foreman. Second Row: Holly Rosenbaum, Alexis Resehan, Carrie Barber, Mandy Spencer, Amber Maul, Gina Creutzburg. Third Row: Dan Huston, Zach Malasto, Jordan Williams, Derek Schopps, Brad Wolf, Sara Kuebler, Renee Gilbert. Back Row: Andy Urschel, Dustin Williams, Jason Ruzga, Jon Myers, Dan Hayford, Karl Berner, Director Daniel Pritchett.





# STYLE

## Music groups stress creativity

Kim Brennan and Mandy Marquardt

### Clubs Editors

When two musicians perform a piece of music, the first musician may interpret the piece totally different from the second musician.

Musical creativity and individual style are what it takes to make a jazz number swing. These were two elements that made Jazz Ensemble and Studio Band successful.

"Everyone is given the chance to do something special and stand out from the rest," said senior Ryan Schwartz.

The 25-member Jazz Ensemble met twice a week to practice for two hours, while Studio Band practiced after school twice each week for one hour.

Members not only contributed time for practices, but also took time out for competitions and festivals such as the Purdue Jazz Fest where individuals were honored for their performance.

Other activities included the Band Parents Dance in February, the Senior Jazz Concert in May, and the Perry Meridian Jazz Fest during spring break.

Auditions were held every year to find new band members.

"When someone auditions, I look for individual style, tone quality, intonation, and sight reading ability," said Daniel Pritchett, jazz bands director.

No limit was set to the number of members chosen for Studio Band. Students were accepted if they had the required ability.

"This year, we only have a few seniors, but we still have a great sound," Pritchett said. Because the group was small, members were able to get to know each other and become friends. "People you think you'd never be friends with join Jazz Band. The common interest of music brings everyone together," Schwartz said.

Hard work, dedication, and musical talent were all components of Jazz Ensemble and Studio Band's overwhelming success. Musicians were able to develop their own talents as well as adding to the talents of other members, bringing enjoyment to the entire community. ♦

*Bands let  
musicians  
express  
themselves  
and  
make  
friends*



### Swingin'

Jazz Ensemble drummer, senior Ryan Schwartz, practices after school. Jazz band members were given the opportunity to use their individual style.

### Jazz Ensemble

Front Row: Casey Schuetz, Tami Higer, Erik Iverson, Eric Brown, Sarahlynn Lester, Tim Marler. Second Row: Erin Casbon, Jeff Kosman, Jordan Williams, Mike Weber, Kevin Eichhorn, Allison

Eichhorn, Eric Frank. Back Row: Josh Jones, Emily Pinkerton, Karl Keach, Jay Will, Ryan Schwartz, David Holiar, Chris Barber, Cindy Crowley, Jon Myers, Judy Barbknecht. Jazz Ensemble was for more experienced musicians.

# LEADERS

## Hard workers receive honors

Kim Brennan and Mandy Marquardt

Clubs Editors

Without cheese, a cheeseburger would only be a slab of beef between a sesame seed bun. Without a facet to voice student opinion, a school is much like the lone beef.

Like the melted cheese, Student Council, Student Faculty Senate, and National Honor Society provided students with an outlet for action and leadership.

The purpose of Student Council was to "give students a voice through delegates, and a say in how the school is run," said Aaron Copeland, Student Council president.

Student Council's activities included Homecoming, Freshmen Fun Night, the Thanksgiving Food Drive, the Christmas Dance and Toy Drive.

A new addition to Student Council was the Suggestion Box which gave students a chance to state their ideas or opinions.

Student Faculty Senate hopes to "increase student awareness of school activities," said Valerie Polewski, SFS secretary.

SFS recognizes the accomplishments of stu-

dents and faculty every month with the "Spot B" and "Hats Off" awards.

At the bi-weekly meetings members decide whom to present the awards. While providing an outlet for service and leadership, National Honor Society's goal was to recognize students' academic achievement and leadership. Twelve senior members were inducted during the fall, and junior members were selected in the spring.

"For all the people involved, it's something to be proud of," said Drew Tursman, National Honor Society president.

Like cheese adds taste to beef, Student Council, Student Faculty Senate, and National Honor Society add the leadership qualities and scholarship the school needs to excel.

**Representatives  
provide  
an  
outlet  
for  
scholarly  
advancement**



**Student Faculty Senate**

Front Row: Whitney Lemon, Suzanne Dick, president; Beth Yoder; Second Row: Mike Bishop, Kim Porapaboon, treasurer; Laurie Knauff, Andrea Caporale, Brenda Nowlin, Valerie Polewski, secretary, Back Row:

James McMichael, Brit Wood, Diane Gordon, Rhonda Yellon, Jerry Hager, Lance Leach, James Pinkerton, Lenore Hoffman, Wes Malers. Student Faculty Senate gave students and faculty members a chance to work together and become better acquainted.

**Giving thanks**

To provide for less fortunate families in the area, junior Erica Flanagan sorts canned goods collected for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Student council coordinated the event.





#### Christmas spirit

Sorting through stockings and presents for Student Council's Christmas Gift Drive is junior Courtney Bechtold. The gift drive enabled classes to purchase presents for children and teens.

#### Flower power

Senior Andrea Hasler sorts carnations for the National Honor Society's annual Flower sale. Flowers were sold and distributed by NHS members the day before Valentine's Day.



National Honor Society officers

Front Row: Rebecca Betjemann, vice-president; Karly Randolph, secretary; Suzanne Dek, SFS representative. Back Row: Judy Lebyk, head sponsor; Drew Tursman, president; Kevin Eichhorn, treasurer; Don Scott, co-sponsor.

Student Council officers

Front Row: Jennifer Stammel, historian; Susie Turk, treasurer. Back Row: Amy Markese, sergeant-at-arms; Ben Kim, parliamentarian; Aaron Copeland, president; Sarah Klett, secretary. Officers coordinated all activities.

# ADVANCE

## Developing skills for the future

John Sponberg

Writer

Expanding on the knowledge taught in the classroom, Industrial Technology, Earth Awareness Club (EAC), and Art Club members were given first-hand experiences to taste the full effect of each area.

The first year Industrial Technology Club let students explore items, which interested them.

The I.T. club members had the opportunity to take part in three major competitions.

"We participate in a Model Bridge Contest, a Robotics Contest, and another contest called 'Quest for Speed,'" Industrial Technology Club sponsor Rich Otto said.

Meeting after school on the third Wednesday of each month, members looked forward to the addition of a newsletter, a "Toys for Kids" program, and access to a screen printer.

Earth Awareness Club educated students on ecological and environmental issues both local and world-wide. The club provided nature/wilderness experiences nation-wide and encouraged recycling aluminum throughout the school.

"We usually have some kind of trip for each season to make the students more aware of some of the nicer

places in the environment," co-sponsor Dave Kenning said.

Other EAC activities included recycling aluminum cans and newspapers, and setting up boxes for excess xerox paper near school's photocopy machines.

Also exploring beyond the classroom, Art Club gave students an outlet to participate in activities related to the fine arts whether for enjoyment or as a fund-raiser.

Art Club members participated in a fund raiser at Hayes Leonard Elementary School in which the members of the Art Club painted faces on the kids. The group also visited the Art Institute of Chicago.

"It was great fun for the kids and it gave the students a lot of experience," co-sponsor Marilyn Hanson said.

With experiences in art, technology, and the environment, students received a variety of information which would add to their classroom learning.

*Teaching  
lessons  
that are  
applicable  
to  
daily  
life*



**Earth Awareness  
Club Officers**

Front Row: Sarah Perkins, secretary; Megan White, treasurer; Back Row: Jim Rickards, vice-president; Jeff Weltzel, president.



**Listening attentively**

Freshman Stacy Kawicki listens to discussion at an Art Club meeting. Members planned art-related projects.





### Drawing on experience

Art Club sponsor Marilyn Hanson and club president junior Christie Patterson instruct club members on their latest projects.



### Save the planet

Earth Awareness Club president senior Jeff Weitzel leads EAC members in their Saturday morning recycling. EAC collected cans and papers for recycling, using the money they received for club outings.

### Industrial Tech officers

Industrial Tech officers Matt Blaschke and Matt Collins display a structure they built at an Industrial Tech club meeting. Members used meetings to explore robotics and woodwork.

# CHARITY

## Building lasting friendships

Kim Brennan and Mandy Marquardt

### Clubs Editors

"C' is for 'cookie' and that's good enough for me!"

While some people, such as the Cookie Monster, took the attitude of getting only what they needed, the members of V-Teens, HOPE, SADD, and Natural Helpers went out of their way to fulfill the needs of others, asking nothing in return.

"V-Teens is a service organization. Our sole purpose is to help people," said Karen Hartman, V-Teens sponsor.

The 30-member club sponsored the King of Hearts dance, donating all proceeds to the American Heart Association. V-Teens also honored faculty with a Faculty Appreciation Day and a Halloween party for children of the faculty and staff.

Like V-Teens, HOPE, which stood for Helping Other People Excel, lent a hand to the community. HOPE assisted at Special Olympics and gave dances for the mentally and physically handicapped.

"HOPE shows that you can't always look at life with stereotypes. People are more like you than different," said junior Traci Quinn, in charge of

HOPE's public relations.

Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) sponsored the programs "Just Say No" and "Red Ribbon."

"We hope to inform and educate people about the effects of drugs and alcohol," said Mandy Moore, co-president of the 200-member club.

Unlike V-Teens and SADD, Natural Helpers invited specific students to participate. The Natural Helpers' three retreats gave training to students who were chosen by their peers as people who gave support in times of need.

"Our overall goal is to help people learn more about themselves so they can, in turn, help others," said Dale Ciciora, co-sponsor.

The members of V-Teens, HOPE, SADD, and Natural Helpers all learned that giving their time and energy to help others is the chocolate chip in the cookie of life.

*Community  
benefits  
from  
generosity  
of  
caring  
individuals*



**HOPE Officers**

Front Row: Karen Steindler, president; Brigitte Mullen, member; Amy Mutka, secretary; Kirsten Johnson, treasurer.

er. Back Row: Taryn Goffiney, member; Jerry Hager, sponsor; Tracy Quinn, public relations chair. HOPE sponsored three dances throughout the year for the handicapped.



**SADD officers**

Front Row: Mandy Moore, co-president; Katrina O'Dell, treasurer. Back Row: Tim Thurnes, president; Kristina O'Dell, secretary.

retary; Katie Allen, vice-president. Not pictured: Liz Pilgrim, Just Say No chairperson; Elenor Nelson, co-sponsor; Nancy Zuber, co-sponsor. SADD sold baked goods to raise funds.



#### Halloween fun

Helping David McGonigle, son of math teacher Jill McGonigle, play a game at the V-teen Halloween party for faculty children is senior Suzanne Dick.

#### Anticipation

While waiting for the bus to the Natural Helpers retreat, senior Lena Obaid gathers her luggage. The retreat helped students learn more about themselves.



#### Insight

To learn more about themselves, Natural Helpers work on projects that show their individuality. The fall retreat was the first of three during the year.

#### V-teens Officers

Front Row: Amy Markese, pres., Melissa Ehrenberg, sec., Back Row: Kristina O'Dell, program chair; Katrina O'Dell, treas. V-teens also sponsored a child in Central America.

**German Club officers**

Front Row: Kate Eagen, president; Devashree Gupta, historian. Back Row: David Hollar, secretary; Doug Vanwienen, vice-president.

**French connection**

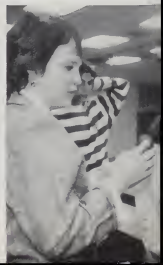
Le Cercle Francais president Nicole Sunkel accepts new ideas for future activities during a monthly meeting. The first-year club attracted 100 students.

**Foreign exchange students**

Front Row: Barbara Surbeck, Switzerland; Ulrika Karlsson, Sweden; Natalia Busnelli, Argentina; Chika Kawano, Japan. Back Row: Antti Ronkko, Finland; Chris August, Germany. Not pictured: Martin Hautzel, Germany.

**Le Cercle Français officers**

Melissa Handley, secretary; Nicole Sunkel, president; Jennifer Stammel, vice-president/treasurer. Not pictured: Carolyn Hardebeck, co-sponsor; Diane Moryl, co-sponsor. Le Cercle Francais traveled to Chicago





# TRAVELS

## Extending culture beyond class

Kim Brennan and Mandy Marquardt

### Clubs Editors

In Mexico, people take mid-afternoon naps called "siestas." In England, tea is served every afternoon at four. And in Japan, chopsticks are used rather than forks.

While most students only learn of these cultural differences by reading books, Foreign Exchange Club (FEC), Le Cercle Francais, and German Club gave students a chance to gain insight into other countries' lifestyles through actual experiences.

"The idea behind FEC is to promote international understanding on a local level," said Judy Watson, FEC sponsor. "Involvement is a good way to get to know foreign students and make friends among VHS students."

"Our fund-raisers, such as the International Banquet, provide money for scholarships, making it possible for students to study abroad," Watson said.

The German Club also donated money to a scholarship fund. The newly-founded Christel Helmchen Scholarship is awarded to students who have taken at least two years of German on the high school level, said Kate Eagen, German Club president.

At the monthly meetings members planned events

such as the annual Weihnachtsfest and the trip to Germantown.

"Attendance is up because we do so many fun activities," Eagen said.

Le Cercle Francais, in its first year, has attracted more than 100 members.

"We want to give entertainment and, of course, eat crepes," said Carolyn Hardebeck, co-sponsor.

"We have no fund-raisers; all our costs are covered by the club dues. We're in it for the students enjoyment, not the money," Hardebeck said.

Club meetings gave French students a chance to enhance their knowledge of the language by participating in fun activities. With movies, plays, and even a scavenger hunt conducted entirely in French, Le Cercle Francais was an overwhelming success.

Rather than travel to distant borders for cultural enlightenment, one only needed to pay club dues. ♦

**Participation  
leads  
to  
enlightenment  
of  
foreign  
countries**



### Planning

### Foreign exchange club officers

After a Le Cercle Francais meeting, sophomore Marie Fattore speaks with co-sponsor Carolyn Hardebeck about the upcoming French film "Le Chevre."

Front Row: Stacy Adam, secretary; Devashree Gupta, treasurer; Tom Calloway, president. Back Row: Kate Eagen, historian; Beth Yoder, vice-president.

### Defensive moves

Junior Kara Christian guards sophomore Danielle Shalapsik during a girls' Intramural basketball game. Various intramural sports were offered each season.



### Moonlight madness

Girls' Intramural basketball teams enjoy a game in the fieldhouse. Intramurals gave students the opportunity to compete without the stress of regular practices and meets.



### Intramural Officers

Jani Horton, vice-president, and Kerin Krieger, secretary. Not pictured: Tenley Drescher, president; and Crystal Hicks, treasurer. Intramurals gave students a chance to compete for fun.



### Scholastic Gaming Club

Front Row: Tim Wasemann, vice-president; Dan Wilkin, Steve Kristoff. Second Row: Ryan Rochester, Matt Collins. Back Row: Rob Peyton, secretary; Derrick Swanson, B.J.

Austin, student body representative. Not pictured: Mike Cottrell, president. Scholastic Gaming Club met every Tuesday after school to play a various selection of games, and to make friends and meet new people.

### Window shopping

FCA member freshman Jenny Niksch gives information to a fellow student about T-shirt sales. Along with selling shirts, FCA also sent food baskets to needy families and sponsored a car wash.



# OUTLOOK

## Teaching positive attitudes

Kim Brennan and Mandy Marquardt

### Clubs Editors

It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game.

This attitude of teamwork and enjoyment was shared by the members of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Scholastic Gaming Club, and Intramural sports.

Unlike most school sponsored clubs, FCA had no dues and met biweekly on Sunday evenings at a member's house.

"FCA provides an opportunity for students with a common interest in God as well as athletics to come together in an athletic setting," said senior Kevin Hites, vice-president.

The discussions at the meetings ranged from athletics to lessons applicable to daily life. Their activities included donating food baskets to the needy and a spring car wash.

Scholastic Gaming Club provided entertainment for students, while participating in an extra-curricular activity.

"Scholastic Gaming Club meets once a week to play various board and computer games, simulation games, etc. for fun and entertainment," said first-year sponsor

Craig McCarron.

After paying their \$5 annual dues, the students met every Tuesday afternoon in the cafeteria.

"I enjoy Scholastic Gaming Club because it allows me to meet with other youths in a non-competitive, relaxed setting," said junior Rob Peyton, secretary.

While Scholastic Gaming Club provided mental exercise, Intramurals gave students the opportunity for physical activities. Intramurals allowed students to compete in athletics without the stress of everyday practice or formal competition. Sports offered were tennis, basketball, aerobics, bowling, softball, volleyball, and weightlifting.

"Intramurals gives students a chance to play sports without the huge time commitment," said Mark Hoffman, Intramural sponsor.

Members of all three clubs were able to relax and enjoy themselves as they attended the various club activities. ♦

**Games  
stress  
good  
sportmanship  
and  
enjoyment  
for all**



FCA Officers

Checkmate

Kevin Hites, vice-president; Lori Knauff, president; and Aaron Rasmussen, secretary/treasurer coordinate the bi-weekly Sunday evening meetings at members' homes.

Concentrating on their next moves are senior Mike Cottrell and junior Ryan Bambrick. Scholastic Gaming Club met weekly allowing students to play various games.

## Varsity Cheerleaders

Front Row: Carrie Dedrick, Rory Cavanaugh. Second Row: Erica Flanagan, Jodi Cleary, Susan Martin. Back Row: Amy Steffen, Heather Prosser, Leslee Hewlett, Courtney Bechtold.

## Viking Spirit

Varsity Cheerleaders carry a good luck sign for the Vikes to charge through before the football game against the M.C. Rogers Raiders. The cheerleaders also sponsored the Homecoming Dance.



## Patriotism

Vikeettes raise flags during the singing of the National Anthem at the first home football game. The Vikeettes choreographed their own routines to perform during all home games.



## Vikeette Corp

Front Row: Megan Neil, Tracy Quinn, Christy Layton, Katie Bonifas, Amanda Mackanos, Kim Hack, Lindsay Hanson. Second Row: Ann Nellessen, sponsor, Cynthia Sukovich.

Christy Bauswell, Marie Fattore, Dana Muhleman, Kim Abner, Mandy Rodgers, Dawn Bauer, Laurie Fortunak. Third Row: Michelle Pappas, Erin Griffin, Dina Micco, Alison Pilgrim, Kara Stark, Julie Puffer, Jill Doppler, Tara Coons, Heather Watson, Angie

Sanghvi. Back Row: Brenda Nowlin, Genny Hurst, Nicole Janda, Kim Krawczyk, Jenny Stevens, Heidi Letz, Jenni Marco, Sara Hahn, Deena Butterfield. Not pictured: Suzanne Dick, Katie Allen, Shellie Malayter, Courtney Lambert, Danielle Bishop.



# SUPPORT

## Groups recognize teams' efforts

Kim Brennan and Mandy Marquardt

Club Editors

As an airplane lifts passengers into the sky, Spirit Club, cheerleaders, and Vikesettes lifted students' school spirit.

All three organizations with the use of signs, cheers, and halftime performances, promoted interest and involvement in school-related activities.

Spirit Club recognized both academic and athletic events.

"We try to boost each team at least twice during their season," said junior Judy Barbknecht, Spirit Club president.

At monthly meetings, committees made signs and candy bags for each teams' members.

Unlike Spirit Club, which met only after school, Vikesettes met as a class. The 40 member pom and flag corps learned dance routines which they performed at home football and basketball games.

"We made up routines and then chose which to perform," said junior Dawn Bauer, squad leader.

"I feel like I have four jobs: coach, mother, sponsor,

and teacher!" said Ann Nellesen, first-year head sponsor and choreographer.

Like Spirit Club and Vikesettes, cheerleaders were also vital to lifting school spirit.

The three squads cheered at all football and basketball games, and attended one event for all other teams.

Due to tryouts and the required training, cheerleading was recognized as a sport in 1990.

"I feel we receive more respect now," said junior Leslee Hewlett, a varsity squad member.

"Now we have to follow the athletic rules," said Ginny Huber-Ashbaugh, varsity head coach.

As airplanes ascend to great heights, so do students with the support of Spirit Club, cheerleading, and Vikesettes.

**Cheerleaders,  
Spirit Club,  
Vikesettes  
work  
together to  
boost school  
spirit**



**Freshman Cheerleaders**

**J.V. Cheerleaders**

**Spirit Club Officers**

First Row: Kathy Mutka, Brigitte Mullen, Kristi Davis. Back Row: Bethany Hazen, Ami Sharp, Jaime Guydan. Not pictured: Sheri Keller. They cheered at all freshmen games.

Front Row: Paula Becerra, Kelly Bush, Tracey Siewen. Back Row: Lorri Woodyard, Kelli Cleary, Taryn Goffine, Amy Reuter. All attended a week-long summer camp.

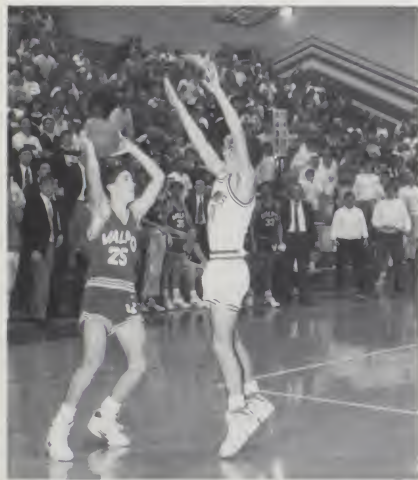
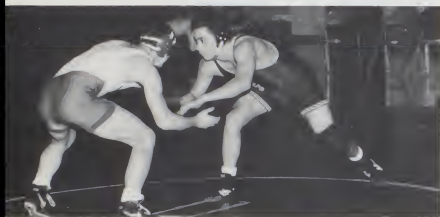
Front Row: Amy Dobbs, funds chair; Dawn Bauer, vice president. Back Row: Jenni Marco, secretary; Judy Barbknecht, president; Kim Abner, treasurer.

## Grappling

With determination in his eyes, junior Shane Ikeda looks for an opening to take down his Portage opponent. Wrestling team members Eric Douglas and Eric Wilson competed in the state meet and finished 2nd and 8th.

## Bringing it home

Crossing the finish line, sophomore Amy Gonzalez brings home another victory for the Vikings. The girls' cross country team placed first in the DAC and third at the State meet.

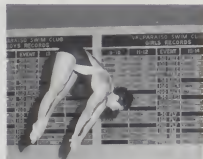


## All eyes

Looking for a passing opportunity, sophomore Bryce Drew tries to out reach his Portage guard. Despite a 74-66 win over Portage in a regular conference game, the Vikes lost to Portage 57-44 in sectionals.

## Determination

Warming up before a meet, senior diver Gina Massuda performs a forward dive in the pike position. Massuda was also the defending state champion in gymnastics.





# Meeting ...in Our Goals Sports

## Striving

Andrea Caporale

Editor-In-Chief

To compete in the 1992 Olympic Games, athletes endured years of practice to develop skills, strength, and a competitive edge.

In much the same way, student athletes strove to be the best in their area of competition, and their accomplishments were attributed to the goals that they and their coaches set.

While the boys' tennis team finished third in the Duneland Athletic Conference with a 15-5 overall record, the football team also ended third in the DAC with a 7-4 record.

Girls' and boys' cross country teams finished third at the state finals in Indianapolis with 6-0 and 7-0 DAC records, and first in the conference.

Also a DAC champ, the girls' swim team placed fifth at the state meet, while the boys' swim team finished sixth at the state level and first place in the DAC.

Setting school records with 26 victories and 17 consecutive wins the Lady Viking basketball team, ranked 4th in the state, made a return trip to the Final Four; but were defeated by Kokomo in the first game.

With a record-setting season, the girls' volleyball team won regionals for the first time in Valparaiso High School history. The team also made it to the final game of semi-state competition losing to Mishawaka.

The girls' softball team sought to defend its sectional and regional championship titles and live up to their state ranking.

Although the student athletes did not receive medals for their performances, their abilities in competition on the track, court, and field proved that we were MEETING OUR GOALS. ♦



"Coach Barthold is a good coach, but, he's also a man that cares for his players." - sophomore Bryce Drew.

## BOYS' TENNIS

Munster	JV	V
M.C. Marquette	L	L
S.B. Adams	W	W
Culver	L	W
Chesterton	W	W
Crown Point	W	W
Lafayette-Jeff Tourney	L	W
Portage	W	W
Merrillville	W	L
Lowell	L	W
Hobart	W	W
LaPorte	W	L
M.C. Rogers	W	W
Lake Central	W	W
Andreas	W	L
Highland	W	W
Sectionals		
Portage/Chesterton	W/W	
Regionals		
LaPorte/M'ville	W/W	
Semi-State		
S.B. St. Joe	L	

### DAC

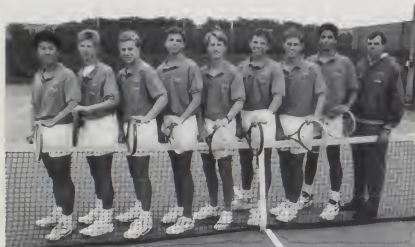
Varsity/JV 4-2/6-0

### OVERALL

Varsity/JV 15-5/11-4

### Varsity Boys' Tennis Team

Ben Kim, Don Lukes, Mike Bishop, Mike Tittle, David Pacholke, Gabe Wright, Jude Clover, David Soleymani, Coach Bob Barthold.



### Junior Varsity Boys' Tennis Team

Front Row: Matt Albrecht, Ryan Birch, Tom Gott, Ed Kim, Bimal Doshi, Ryan Knauff, Mithan Nallari. Back Row: Vinnie Nagubadi, Pete Dirindin, David Furlin, Mark Roscoe, Mike Follis, Justin Shurr. Dave Kings coached the JV team to a 6-0 DAC record, and 11-4 overall record.





## Determination

Senior Gabe Wright returns a volley, during a match against Andrean. Wright, a four-year letterwinner, finished the season with a 21-1 record.

## Twice is nice

Coach Bob Barthold discusses the game plan with senior Mike Tittle, while doubles partner Junior David Soleymani looks on. Tittle and Soleymani played No. 1 doubles.

## Winding up

Third-year letterwinner, senior Mike Tittle smashes a cross-court volley to win his match. Although the team had some problems, they still got third in the DAC.



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## eam Rallies Back

### *Despite troublesome injuries*

Kirsten Johnson

## Writer

Picture horses running swiftly across the land. Their strong, powerful bodies move with agility and grace. Just as horses run, these qualities help the boys' tennis team work their best.

"Our team put forth one hundred percent all the time," senior Gabe Wright said.

The team finished the season with a record of 15-5 overall, and third in the Duneland Athletic Conference behind LaPorte and Merrillville.

The Vikes attributed their success to the coaching and to the overall experience of the team. Leading the team were seniors David Pacholke, Mike Tittle, and Gabe Wright.

"Gabe is a very focused player who will be missed next year," sophomore Bryce Drew said.

"We won many matches that made us competitive at the state tournament," second year varsity head coach Bob Barthold said.

Barthold said that he felt more comfortable in his second year of coaching and understood better what was going on.

"I think the players were also more comfortable with me during my second year," Barthold said.

However the team did experience some weaknesses during the season such as minor injuries, health problems, and lack of strength.

Sophomore Bryce Drew, who played varsity No. 2 singles last year, was sidelined most of the season with arm injuries sustained during the summer.

"We were not physically strong enough. We needed to lift weights," Barthold said.

Junior varsity coach David Kings agreed that weights needed to be used in the future.

Kings said, "Lifting weights will make us stronger and more power-

ful in our hitting."

The junior varsity team had a successful season also, by finishing with a 11-4 overall record and being undefeated in the DAC.

According to Kings, the four losses at the beginning of the season were due to inexperience and lack of concentration.

Even though the boys' tennis team had a few minor setbacks,

they were successful and strong. The coaches and players were positive towards their accomplishments and optimistic for the future.



## Sure shot

Mike Bishop, sophomore, returns a serve during his match.

# B uilding Strength

## Inexperience troubles girls

Tim Marler

Sports Editor

Summer vacation to most students is one of the most enjoyable times of the year. However, like all good things, it comes to an end and once again students return to the classroom. Likewise, with many inexperienced players, the

girls' golf team had to return to the basics of building a new team.

With the loss of two strong seniors and a general lack of experience the girls' golf team was not ex-

pected to do as well as in the past. However, some surprise finishes and team spirit made the season more enjoyable.

"I knew it would be hard to finish in the top three at sectionals since we graduated two seniors who would be difficult to replace," said Nancy Bender, who was in her 15th year as head coach.

New to the team were four upperclassmen and three freshmen.

"We had an inexperienced team with a lot of freshmen and they played well," said senior Jennifer Hewlett.

Returning members were junior Jenny Schnirring at first position, while Hewlett, senior Amy Nondorf and junior Kim Kuehl all rotated at second, third and fourth. Fifth position, which varied at each meet, was open to anyone with the ability, Bender said.

"I never knew who the top five players should be because their playing was inconsistent," Bender said.

Highs and lows for the team

persisted throughout the season.

"During one week we had an unexpected loss to Portage followed by a surprising win against LaPorte," said Bender. "But, the highlight of our season was a sixth place finish at the LaPorte Invitational.

Spirit and togetherness characterized the team, Bender said. Emerging as team leader was captain Jenny Schnirring, who was acknowledged by Bender and the team.

Finishing with a 9-5 record and a second place finish in the Duneland Athletic Conference, the team placed fourth at sectionals behind state-ranked Crown Point, Munster, and Rensselaer.

"I thought we could get by at sectionals because we had great team spirit," Kuehl said. "However, the pressure of having inexperienced people during the sectionals was tough."

Like making the best of the time following summer vacation, the girls' golf team used their abilities unity and spirit to do its best. ♦

### Excellence

Jenny Schnirring works her way toward the green. The junior led the team in first position.



### Chip shot

Placing the ball on the green is sophomore Chris Marsch. Newcomers made up the majority of the team which compiled a 9-5 overall and 4-2 DAC record.



"I thought we could get by at sectionals because we worked well together." - Junior Kim Kuehl.

### GIRLS' GOLF

Munster	L
New Prairie	W
Culver	L
M.C. Rogers	W
M.C. Elston	W
M.C. Marquette	L
Hobart	W
Crown Point	L
Lake Central	W
Andean	W
Portage	L
LaPorte	W
Chesterton	W
Merrillville	W
Sectionals	4th

DAC 4-2  
OVERALL 9-5



#### A quick look

With her eye on the target Jennifer Hewlett hopes for a par. The senior made a strong finish in the DAC, ranking 5th.



#### Line it up

Getting ready to make a successful putt is Junior Kim Kuehl. She led the team throughout the season and finished in the top ten of the Duneland Athletic Conference.

#### Preparation

Chesterton coach Chuck Craycraft, seniors Amy Nondorf and Jennifer Hewlett, Junior Kim Kuehl and 15 year coach Nancy Bender discuss the days' meet. Practice began in August and the season ended in October.



#### Girls' Golf Team

Front Row: Sarah Kuebler, Jackie Schnirring, Cynthia Sukovich, Chris Marsch.

Kenin Krieger, Amy Nondorf, Back Row: Coach Nancy Bender, Jenny Schnirring, Debbie Boyd, Natalie Paul, Kim Kuehl, Jennifer Hewlett. The team finished 4-2 in the DAC.

## One step away

With a feeling of pride and accomplishment, senior Karly Randolph finishes off a successful run. The four-year letter winner was one of the team's two co-captains who led the girls to a 3rd place finish at state.



"We all strive to do our best for ourselves and for the team,"  
-Junior,  
Amy Bickel.

### GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Hammond Noll	W
Laf. Jeff/Chesterton	
Benton Central	W/W/W
Kankakee Valley	W
M.C. Rodgers	W
Cr. Pt./Highland/Lake Central	W/W/W
New Prairie Inv.	1st
Merrillville/LaPorte	W
Highland Inv.	1st
Hobart/Portage	W/W
DAC Meet	1st
Andean Inv.	1st
Sectional	1st
Regional	1st
Semi-State	1st
State	3rd

DAC 6-0

OVERALL 13-0



Girls Cross Country Team

Front Row: Crystal Hicks, Veronica Marquez, Katie Loft, Emily Evans, Karen Phillips. Second Row: Kelly Bickel, Cathy Anderson, Laurie Ropel, Amy McQuinn, Shannon Swanson, Shannon Corkwell.

Third Row: Stacey Davis, Amy Bickel, Dawn Mount, Kim Porpaiboon, Alyssa Swenson. Back Row: Coach Karen DeVries, Jen Silva, Casee Hewlett, Marthana Baker, Steffany Steele, Karly Randolph, Amy Gonzales, Julie Edwards. For the second consecutive year the team finished with no losses.





# Strong desire

## Lady Vikes go undefeated

Tim Marler

Sports Editor

To many high school students, running is no more than an essential act that is forced upon them by situations such as being late for class or seeking shelter during a thunderstorm.

However, to the girls' cross country team running meant much more.

"Even though we had 23 members, we were an extremely close team that kept a good attitude and worked hard. We would never get down on someone if they had a bad race," said senior Karly Randolph, co-captain.

It was that attitude that led the team to an undefeated season with a first place finish in the Duneland Athletic Conference and a third place finish at the state finals in Indianapolis.

"At first I thought this would be a rebuilding year, but after winning the prestigious New Prairie Invitational and watching the girls improve and give every-

thing they had for the team, I really felt we could go undefeated," said five year head coach Karen DeVries.

According to DeVries, some of the top runners were Randolph, junior co-captain Amy Bickel, and senior Crystal Hicks. Younger runners such as sophomore Amy Gonzales also posted a terrific season, DeVries said.

After the season, the team went through sectionals and regionals with great stride.

"At sectionals and regional each and every runner came through," DeVries said.

To boost spirit and confidence the girls would hand out sheets of encouraging quotes and secret friends would send letters to other team members.

"While training physically is important, it is also important to be mentally prepared for each meet. Because so much of running is mental, we have to be ready to do our absolute best and never give up," Bickel said.

For the team, the year was more than just the impressive season, but also a group of girls

who became great friends.

"I never knew there could be a team where everyone supports each other as much as they do on this one," said Junior Kim Porpalboon.

This feeling of support was shared by all the team members and was one of the reasons for their success.

"Without the hard work and togetherness we never could have come this far, cross country takes a lot of sacrifices, but the fun we had makes it all worthwhile," Bickel said.

While running can be a monotonous activity, the girls' cross country team proved that the more a person puts into something, the more it becomes beneficial in the end. ♦



**Moving ahead**

With the finish line as her goal, Shannon Corkwell tries her hardest to outrun her opponent. Corkwell was the only freshman in the top seven. ♦



**Ready ... set ... go ...**

This familiar scene leads off every race as the team sets out to capture another victory. The team became very familiar with victories as they led the DAC.

**Getting the news**

Talking over the previous meet with head coach Karen DeVries are junior Julie Neely, parent Norma Neely, senior Karly Randolph and sophomore Amy Gonzales.



**Striving to finish**

Junior Kim Porpalboon leads a group of determined runners around a corner at Forest Park Golf Course. A desire to succeed powered the team to a 13-0 record.

# Boys run out of gas

## Just short of state title

Kim Abner

Sports Editor

For a car to "run", it is essential to have a good engine, carburetor, fan belt, and gasoline. The absence of any one of these prohibits the car from "running".

In much the same way, the boys' cross country team found out that in order to be successful in running, they all needed to

b a n d together and work for a common goal.

The team's banding together resulted in a 7-0 record in the DAC, an overall record of 17-1, and third place in the state.

### Walking it off

Kyle Kerner, freshman, and juniors Mike Carlberg and Brian Laik walk onto the green before a meet. The team's closeness, on and off the field, helped them to succeed.

team members all got along real well. They split up the duties of running so that no one had to do it all," said assistant coach Jim Genovese.

One of the most helpful attributes of the team, was the overall tradition of Valparaiso cross country.

"The tradition of running cross country at Valpo makes it a little easier for us. They (the boys) look back at the four state championship teams, and they want to be involved in something like that," Genovese said.

Returning senior varsity runners Jim Crowell, Rob Mathes, and Matt Stark helped the team along. The Vikings also had the aid of sophomore Aaron Pierson, who was named last year's "State's Best Freshman Runner".

Another reason the team prospered was because of its closeness and support.

Every Thursday night during the season, the team would all gather at someone's house for a pasta dinner, according to Genovese.

The runners parents also tried to keep up with the team by trav-

eling with them as much as they could.

"Everybody does things together. We enjoy being around each other," said senior Matt Stark.

The team however did have some weaknesses to overcome. Although the top five runners were extremely consistent, the sixth and seventh runners on the varsity team lacked consistency, and therefore had to be rotated quite often, junior Nathan Smurdon said.

The team also hoped to place first in either Sectionals, Regionals, or Semi-State, but instead, placed second in all three.

Although cross country was a team sport, many players thought it helped them to improve as individuals.

"The team built my confidence up a lot by encouraging me to do my best," Pierson said.

Although the team didn't win the state meet, they were able to place third and were very proud of that.

The boys' cross country team proved that when everything is in "running order", then anything can be accomplished.



Boys Cross Country Team

Front Row: Karl Berner, Brian Benway, Tim Kostelnik, Shane Wilson, Jerry Drever, Andy Boyle, Steve Watt, Brian Laki, Levi Freeman. Second Row: Head Coach Mike Prow, Dan Wilkin, Sean Sheely, Todd Kostelnik, Jamie Cruikshank, Marc Jones, Mike Carlberg.

Nathan Smurdon, Andy Bergstedt. Third Row: Todd Cerdas, Eric Pearson, Eric Douglas, Aaron Pierson, Aaron Rasmussen, Eric Wilson, Brian Tullis, Chris McChristian, Asst Coach Jim Genovese. Back Row: Brian Anderson, Ben Holterhoff, Mark Morris, Matt Stark, Jim Crowell, Rob Mathes, Brendon Quinn, Mike Daiber, Kyle Kerner.



"Being part of a team helps just knowing what a team concept is, which is working together for a single goal." Junior Nathan Smurdon.



### BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

M.C. Marquette/E.C. Central	W/L
L. Jeff/Ben. C./Chesterton	W/W/W
Pike Invitational	3rd
M.C. Rogers/Andean	W/W
Rensselaer Invitational	1st
Cr. Fr./Highland/I. Cent.	W/W/W
New Prairie Invitational	W
Merrillville/LaPorte	W
Highland Invitational	W
Hobart/Portage	W/W
Hobart Invitational	W
DAC Meet	1st
Sectional	2nd
Regional	2nd
Semi-State	2nd
State	3rd

DAC  
OVERALL

7-0  
17-1



#### Breaking away

Senior Matt Stark and sophomore Aaron Pierson start the race off well at the Pike Invitational. The team placed third at the invitational.

#### Suiting up

Before a meet, junior Marc Jones puts on his shoes. It was very important to the team that they had their shoes on securely, so they were not lost during the race.



#### Stretching out

Levi Freeman, freshman, stretches out before a meet. Thorough stretching exercises might have been one of the reasons for the minimal injuries during the season.

#### Leader of the pack

In the final stretch of the M.C. Rogers/Andreas meet, senior Jim Crowell leads the team to a double victory. The team ended the season with a 17-1 record, but fell short of capturing the state championship title.

### Too close for comfort

The freshmen team recovers the ball on a fumble, during the game against Hobart. Although the team played well during the season, they only achieved a 1-6 record in the DAC.

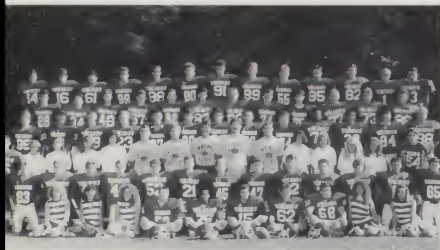


*"I became friends with new and different people, and I got a chance to see their true sides."*  
-freshman, Kyle Baer.

### FRESHMAN / JV FOOTBALL

Chesteron (B)	0 - 0	7-28
E.C. Central	7 - 3	-
Hobart	7 - 2	23-24
M.C. Rogers	0 - 0	7 - 8
Chesteron	20-28	-
Crown Point (B)	14 - 7	-
Merrillville	7-35	28- 6
LaPorte	0 - 7	7 - 0
Portage	0 - 7	0-21
Merrillville (B)	0-14	-
Andean	-	20 - 6
Lake Central	-	7-12
Crown Point	14 -17	-

**DAC** 1-6 2-4  
**OVERALL** 2-5-1 3-5



### Freshman Football Team

Front Row: Brigitte Mullen, Kristi Davis, Jaimie Guydan, Shawn Spano, Jamalle Cotton, Dave Fordham, Eric Merritt, Kevin Miller, Ami Sharp, Kathy Mutka. Second Row: Mike Lawson, Kyle Baer, Rob Thoren, Josh Roof, Trevor Bollhorst, Ryan Bruce, Tom Hughes, Joe Hohner, Bryan Rickards, Dave Greenburg, David Sturgeon, Brian Beesley, Adam Claussen, Patrick Beesley. Third Row: Josh Carr, Managers Karrie Van-Rosendale, Nadia Jeha, Debbie Deu, Jennifer Oran, Coach Steve Emmons, Coach David Coyle, Coach Doug Morthland, Coach Herb Hofer, Coach Eric Uterback.

Managers Amy Williams, Kirsten Vesey, Natalie Demaree, Sean Lively. Fourth Row: Jason Dennington, Matt O'Keefe, Alan Morrison, Josh Payne, Bill Auten, Alex Lute, Eric White, Brian Maples, Clarence Lovell, Matt Rickman, Jim Connor, Don Lawson. Fifth Row: David Kush, James MacKenzie, Adam Burke, Josh McChristian, Derek Swanson, Steve Wittmer, Ben Bonkowski, Jason Crowell, Brad Hewlett, William Cooley, Dave Darrol, Chris Gorman. Back Row: Mark Turek, Matt Ryan, Jeremy Harrington, Alex Samardzich, Justin Gent, Chris Holst, Neal Molengraaf, Bryan Mahns, George Wilson, Chad Hard, Don Duvall, Stefan Selby, Jonathan Zigert. The team finished with a 2-5-1 record.





# T

## eam tackles victories

### Unity results in success

Kirsten Johnson

Writer

Apprentices have to work hard and learn the trade before they can become masters of the trade.

Like an apprentice, the freshmen and junior varsity football teams had to work hard and learn the plays in order to advance to varsity in the coming years.

Freshman coach David Coyle and junior varsity coach Gary Gray both said that the most important goal of the season was to learn the plays for varsity.

Other coaches were Steve Emmons, Herb Hofer, and Doug Morthland for the freshman team, and Rick Mitchell and Tom Renn for junior varsity.

Coaches also had to work hard to prepare the players for their first year as high school athletes.

"One of the first things we had

to do was get the kids to blend together. They came from TJ and BF where they are rivals, but they had to learn to play as one team," Coyle said.

To assure everyone a chance to play, the 58-member freshman team was broken down into 'A' and 'B' teams.

Even though the kids came from different backgrounds they found positive things in working together, freshman Kyle Baer said.

Not only did the players work well with each other, but they also worked well with the coaches.

"It was a pleasure to work with the guys this year. They worked hard and they were a better team than their record shows," Mitchell said.

Overall records for the JV team was 3 wins and 5 losses, while the freshman team finished with 2 wins, 5 losses and one tie.

Many coaches agreed that the records did not show the teams' strengths. They said that many games they lost were very close.

Despite their record, players found the season helpful.

"Being on the team helped me to manage my time well. It also taught me to handle pressure better," junior varsity sophomore Nick Bilunas said.

Working hard and concentrating on the game the football teams learned all the skills they needed to move on.



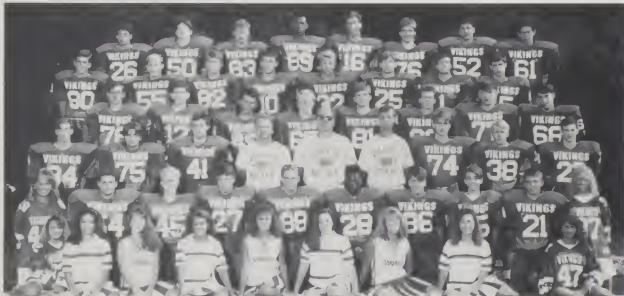
Helping out

Athletic trainer Kathy Levandowski checks on a player during a game. The trainers helped players with injuries and rehabilitation during the season.



Down, but not out

Coaches Gary Gray and Tom Renn, and athletic trainer Todd Coffin assist a wounded player during the E.C. Central game. Proper handling of injured players was essential in maintaining a healthy team.



Signing off

JV Football Team

Gary Gray, Coach Rick Mitchell, Louis Defelice, Steve Dunn, Nick Bilunas. Fourth Row: Bruce Chafee, Tom Phillips, Mike O'Keefe, Pat Walsh, Ray Perkins, Josh Porch, Clint Sandlin, Chuck Huff. Fifth Row: Tony Karpenko, George Bollhorst, Dan Tursman, Scott Anlietner, Paul Szotek, Joe Eckert, Scott Armanderis, Mike Murphy. Back Row: Sam Alke, Jim Breletich, Jon Lockard, Josh Craig, Mike Kwiatkowski, John Ashbaugh, Aaron Almus, Joe Spittler.

Front Row: Megan Forker, Paula Becerra, Amy Reuter, Tracy Siewin, Kelli Cleary, Kelly Bush, Taryn Goffney, Lori Woodyard, Stephanie Svetcoff. Second Row: Heather Watson, Tony Choate, Joe Doppler, Aaron Swanson, Mike Ondrovich, Terrell Sessions, Boyd Walker, Rob Micco, Chris Finley, Alison Pilgrim. Third Row: Ryan Hauber, Bob Dew, Nathan Duke, Coach Tom Renn, Coach

Jr. varsity coach Rick Mitchell, signals plays from the sidelines, to the team on the field during a game against Merrillville. Good communication, combined with many hours of practice, helped the team to attain a record of 2-4 in the DAC, and an overall record of 3-5. Working with Mitchell were Tom Renn and Gary Gray. They led the team to defeat Merrillville and LaPorte.

# Senior Power

## Experience leads team

Tim Marler

### Sports Editor

When a nation is victorious in war, a lot of credit is given to the leaders who led the troops to victory. These men are usually the oldest and most knowledgeable in the military.

Like the military, the varsity football team was led by an outstanding group of leaders from the senior class.

"This was as good of a group of seniors as we've ever had, they were very talented, skilled, athletic, and dedicated," said head coach Mark Hoffman. "When you

play as hard as we play, we have to give credit to our senior leadership."

The team finished their season ranked third in the Duneland Athletic Conference with a 7-4 record, which Hoffman felt was a good accomplishment when the competition was considered.

"The Duneland Conference is one of the best football conferences in the state and in the nation," Hoffman said.

Leading the Vikes on offense were seniors Marc Williams, who was named MVP, quarterback Mike Finley, Brad Bishop, Jim Rose, and Jason McDaniels. The offensive line consisted of seniors Chris Wishart, Chris Somers, Chris Vollmer, and Chris Buchanan. Senior Greg Rosinski was also a member of "The Chris Line," as it was often called.

Holding back the opposition for the Vikes defense were seniors Nate McMillan, Mike Keene, lineman; Bishop, Rosinski, Brett Major, secondary; Kevin Hites, Finley, and junior Dave Hanson.

Several factors contributed to the teams' winning record. One was that a majority of the starters

were seniors who had been playing for a long time and had gained a lot of experience. Along with experience, the team had a great deal of determination, according to Hoffman.

"We went into each game with the feeling that we were the team to beat and that if the opponent was going to beat us, they would have to play a perfect ballgame," Finley said. "Great teamwork and dedication enabled us to have the success we did this year."

The Vikes played strong in the first two games of the season, defeating South Bend Riley and Michigan City Elston, and in the first half of the third game until Mishawaka stunned the Vikes in the second half after they had been leading by 20 points.

"We played on a treacherous field and the conditions made it impossible for the defense to react," Hoffman said.

Even after the disappointing loss the team reflected on the positive accomplishments and what they had gained from football. To the leaders, they could look back to an overall job well done.



Make the pass

Hoping to make a completed pass is Mike Finley. The senior called the plays as quarterback for the Vikings.



Running attack

Putting pressure on the opponents' quarterback is senior Chris Wishart. Intensity was a factor in the teams' ability to overcome such foes as Portage, LaPorte, Elston, and Rogers.



High five

Head coach Mark Hoffman gives a word of congratulations to senior Mike Keene after an outstanding play. Hoffman completed his 20th year of coaching the team.

Plotting the course

Looking for a hole in the opponents' defense is senior Marc Williams. A leader in the scoring attack, Williams was named the team's Most Valuable Player.





### A crushing defeat

The Viking defense tries hard to hold back the Michigan City Rogers Raiders. The experienced players helped guide the team to the "Sweet 16" and a 7-4 overall season record.



*"Except for the Hobart game, only 1 score separated us and our opponents in our 4 losses, that shows a great deal of determination."*  
-senior Mike Finley

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Gary West	W
Hobart	L
M.C. Rogers	W
Chesterton	L
Merrillville	W
LaPorte	W
Portage	W
Gary Roosevelt	W
M.C. Elston	W
S.B. Riley	W
Mishawaka	L

DAC	3-3
OVERALL	7-4



### Varsity Football Team

Front Row: Peter Sarafin, Jason Renn, ball boy; cheerleaders: Amy Steffan, Jodi Cleary, Susan Martin; Marc Williams, Leslee Hewlett, cheerleader; Mike Finley; cheerleaders: Heather Prosser, Courtney Bechtold, Carrie Dedrick; Eric Robinson. Second Row: Ryan Richardson, ball boy; Rob Furst, Scott Watson, Shawn Nova, Jason McDaniels, Pete Sattler, Josh

Reuter, Lance Corkwell, Gino Gamino, Mike Mariz, Tim Fayne, Matt Grassle, ball boy. Third Row: Adrienne Hudson, mgr.; Todd Coffin, trainer; Coach Tom Renn, Coach Tom Emmons, Coach Dave Coyle, Coach Rick Mitchell, Coach Doug Morland, Head Coach Mark Hoffman, Coach Todd Van Keppel, Coach Gary Gray, Coach Terry Cox, Coach Rich Renn, Scott Volk, ball boy; Hugh Smith, photographer; Danielle Lukrafka, student trainer. Fourth

Row: Coach Herb Hoffer, Jason Ward, David Hanson, Kelly Uher, Matt Beckman, Dave Brown, Chris Buchanan, Kevin Pederson, Jamie Skinner, Coach Eric Utterback. Fifth Row: Mike Keene, Brian McGuckin, Jim Rose, Nate McMillan, Eric Berner, Chris Wishart, Kevin Hites, Brett Major, Charles Kimble. Back Row: Chris Vollmer, Matt Kehret, Rich Graber, Greg Rosinski, Jason Andrews, Chris Somers, Brad Bishop, Chad Kulavick.



**Checking the times**

Head coach Larry Reltz checks out his teams progress. The team placed fifth overall in the state finals.



**A flying start**

While being cheered on by her teammates, sophomore Jenny Dennin sets off to victory. The team went through a season with only one loss.

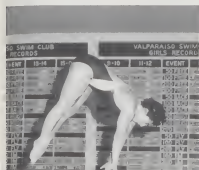


## Swim to win

Making her way through the waves is Jenny Frailey. The junior along with the rest of the team arrived at dawn each morning for practices.

## High dive

Perfecting her diving form is senior Gina Massuda. The divers were coached by Bill Chappo who also coached boys.



"While all the hard work and early morning seemed difficult at the time, everything paid off at the end." - junior Kirsten Johnson

## GIRLS' SWIMMING

Hobart	W
E.C. Central	W
Lake Central	W
LaPorte	W
Munster Inv.	W
Chesterton	L
Hammond Noll	W
Crown Point	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Valpo Relays	1st
Portage	W
Munster	W
Highland Inv.	1st
Merrillville	W
LaPorte Diving Inv.	1st
M.C. Elston	W
DAC Meet	1st
Highland	W
Sectional	1st
State	5th

DAC	4-1
OVERALL	12-1

# Winning Ways

## Girls continue success

Aaron Vnuok

### Contributing Writer

Every morning at 5 a.m. for about 14 weeks from August to November, 52 alarm clocks would ring, signaling the 52 girls swim team members to rise and shine for morning practice.

Although they did not "shine" on those particular mornings, this kind of dedication and hardwork led the team to a fifth place state finish, including a school record two event champions.

"The early morning practices were the hardest because you have to get up for them. But the team coped with it because we wanted to get better and practice is the only way," junior Kirsten Johnson said.

The Vikings finished the season with a 12-1 dual meet record, losing only to Chesterton. The girls later won the Duneland Athletic Conference championship, with a 6-0 regular season DAC record.

From there the girls won their fourth straight sectional championship and qualified five different

individuals and two relays for state.

Although the overall finish was not as high as the second place the last two years, head coach Larry Reitz was pleased.

"It was one of our best state meets ever," Reitz said. "Overall, our kids did a great job."

Johnson was a big part of this year's success, capturing the state title in the 50-meter freestyle and leading off the winning 200 freestyle relay.

The 200 free relay team, comprised of juniors Johnson and Kim Stammel and sophomores Jamie Jeppesen and Molly Erman, set a new state record in the event with a time of 1:44.39.

Also placing for the Vikings were junior Amy Ehman, fifth in diving; Erman, 16th in the 100 free; Johnson, second in the 100 butterfly and the 400 free relay was second.

Although the girls would have liked to place first, they understand that not everyone can win all the time.

"I could have done better, but I'll take fifth," Ehman said.

"Amy was just an amazing competitor," diving coach Bill

Chapp said. "She trained intensely every time and did a great job of State."

"I'm happy with my time (in the 100 butterfly) because it was my best this season," Johnson said. "I'm not disappointed at all."

Overall, the season for the girls swim team was a definite success, winning the sectional and setting an abundance of new records this year. I am really pleased with the whole year."

It was the girls' hard work and determination that made this year's team a big success. Even during the early morning hours when it seemed impossible to shine, their dedication was evident. ♦

### Air Jeppesen

Sophomore Jamie Jeppesen starts with a flying form. Jeppesen, along with juniors Kirsten Johnson and Kim Stammel set a new state record.



Girls' Swim Team

Front Row: Kim Newton, Angie Vereb, Jamie Jeppesen, Stacey Kawicki, Jodie Mroz, Laura Hollenbeck, Melissa Fitzgerald, Charlene Williams, Jennie Smith, Kristal Eckley. Second Row: Tricia Doid, Jenny Frailey, Adri-

enne Harris, Jenny Dennis, Julie Wassman, Molly Erman, Kim Stammel, Lisa Tuyst-shavers, Allison Scuderi, Michelle Pappas. Third Row: Eri Katayama, mgr.; Cathy Bassford, Jessica Freitag, Andrea Hasler, Rebecca Reichardt, Lindsey Ferguson, Chelsea Hollis, Kim Westlake, Kara Stark, Anita Talevski, Mandy Imre. Fourth Row: Christy Bassford,

Jennifer Valpatie, Laura Bowers, Tori Kodish, Mia Serrick, Wendy Grieger, Sarah Hites, Kirsten Johnson, Morgan Dingwall, Stefanie Loesche. Back Row: Stephanie Switzer, mgr.; Jamie Hornbeck, Erin Oser, Amanda Beckwith, Ellen Florence, Amy Ehman, Danielle Bishop, Leslie Rea, Alicia Ash, Susan Rich, Gina Massuda.

## JV Volleyball Team

Front Row: Amber Hawkins, Amy Kobe, Erin Griffin, Jamie Bluhm, Tiffany Cox,

Tennille Drake, Back Row: Becky Oelling, Michelle Shaver, Libby Friedline, Kristi Boland, Lindsay Brown, Megan Clifford, Kim Krawczyk, Laurel Rayman, Angie Fisher, Coach Nancy Ficken.

### Serve it up hot

With perfect form, sophomore Lindsay Brown starts her serve. Serving was one of the key strong points of the JV team.



# G

## irls dig up victories

### Complete record-setting season

Kim Abner

Sports Editor

For a milkshake to taste right, all the ingredients have to be well blended together. If an ingredient is forgotten, or if it is not blended correctly, it just does not taste right.

In the same way, the girls' volleyball team had to all blend together, and the absence of any one player, desperately hurt the team. Even though the team lost two very crucial players to

illnesses, Nikki Bishop, at the beginning of the season, and Lisa Gierse during semi-state, they still managed to reach the final game of semi-state, which they lost to Mishawaka.

"The worst thing about the season, was going into the locker room after the loss to Mishawaka. They (the girls) just hurt because they realized they should have won," varsity head coach Elke Bowman said.

Although the season-ending loss to Mishawaka was devastating, overall, the team learned a lot and had a great season.

For the first time in Valparaiso High School history, the team won regionals, and made it to the final game of semi-state.

"This was the best season Valpo has had. We had a lot of fun in practice as well as games," senior Leanne Sinclair said.

The team contributed their great success to their closeness, on and off the court.

"We were really close and I think that that helped us play

much better. We were so comfortable with each other," junior Katie Allen said.

The team's other strengths were determination and experience. It had eight returning varsity letterwinners.

The varsity's 25-6 record might be hard to beat, but the JV team spent their season tuning up to fill the seven varsity spots that will be open next year.

"My goal for this season was to improve on my position, so I could fill a varsity spot next year," sophomore Lindsay Brown said.

The JV team's 14-6 record was also attributed to their camaraderie. All players supported and encouraged each other.

"The best thing about our team, is that we all got along well, there was no one split up or excluded," Erin Griffin, sophomore, said.

While the milkshake was usually the right combination of ingredients, the composition of the volleyball team was enough to shake some people up.

### Spiking it

Senior Lisa Gierse goes up for a spike during a game. Gierse helped the Vikes make it to semi-state, but was unable to finish the season, because of an illness.





### Ladies in waiting

During a game against Hammond Morton, the bench watches the action on the court. The bench was very important in keeping up the morale of the team.

*"Being on the team has taught me that in order to live a happy, successful life - I need other people." - Lisa Gierse senior*



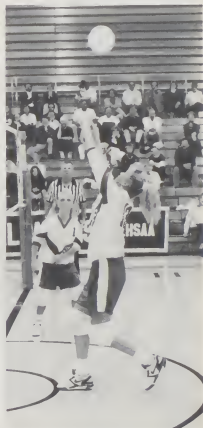
### Volleyball

Bishop Noll	JV	V
North Judson	L	W
Plymouth Inv	-	L
Highland	W	W
Westville	W	W
Munster	W	W
Crown Point	W	W
Kankakee Valley	W	W
Chesterton	L	W
Gary West	W	W
Hammond Morton	W	W
Hobart	W	W
Lake Central	L	W
LaPorte	W	W
Merrillville	W	W
Portage	W	W
Andean	L	W
M.C. Rogers	L	-
Hobart	-	-
Andean	W	-
M.C. Rogers	L	-
Sectionals	-	W
Regionals	-	W
Semi-State	-	W
M.C. Rogers	-	W
Mishawaka	-	L

DAC 4 - 2 6 - 1  
OVERALL 14 - 6 25 - 6

### Setting it up

Senior Alana Hancock sets the ball over the net, as teammate Nickie Nettrour, senior, looks on. Hancock usually filled the middle hitter position helping to earn a 25-6 overall record.



### Jumping for joy

The crowd watches anxiously as sophomore Tennille Drake spikes the ball. Despite the team's excellent record, spiking was one of their weak points, and therefore was something that they worked very hard to improve. The JV team earned a 14-6 overall record.

### Varsity Volleyball Team

Front Row: Becky Oelling, Amy Swisher, Jen Racine, Michele Brewer, Amy Mutka, Leanne Sinclair, Nicki Nettrour. Back Row: Michelle Shaver, Lisa Gierse, Stacey Hrabota, Alana Hancock, Kristin Miller, Katie Allen, Amber Hawkins, Coach Elke Bowman.

## A

DIFFERENT  
VIEW

Kim Abner

## Sports Editor

As with any activity, in sports, there are the starters, and the second-stringers. The media emphasizes Michael Jordan but seldom mentions Craig Hodges the second-string Bulls' guard.

Every sport has its second-stringers, the people that practice just as long and hard as everyone else, but usually end up watching the action from the sideline.

"After school we go out and play nine holes almost every day and then I don't get to play, it takes up so much time for nothing," said junior Debbie Boyd, a member of the girls' golf team.

Many second-stringers, however, did agree that the difference between the starters and the second-stringers was that the starters had been playing longer or they just worked harder

to improve at their sport.

"In some cases, I feel that the starters are naturals, but the really good starters have to work hard too or they won't reach their goals either. Also, many second-stringers have the potential to be first-string players, but they don't work hard enough," said junior Jenny Frailey, a member of the DAC champion girls swim team.

In any case, all the second-stringers agreed, that even when they were not playing, they were still contributing to the team.

After all, how could the Michael Jordan's of the world exist, if they had no one to practice against, no one to push them to improve, no one

## From Valparaiso ...

Members of the JV girls' basketball team cheer on freshman Kelly Bickel who was a starting player on the team. While all players did not start they were always there to lend support and encouragement.



## Fire-up cheer

Senior Karl Milkereit helps to get the boys' swimming team fired up for their upcoming meet. Unlike some other sports, all swimmers would get chances to swim at several of the meets.

## Camaraderie

Members of the girls' cross country team walk to Forest Park Golf Course where their home meets are held. Friendship was important to all team members.







#### Great job

Juniors Katie Allen, Amy Mutka and senior Amy Swisher, members of the volleyball team, congratulate each other. Substitutes were helpful in giving breaks to starting players.

#### Total approval

Jubilant over a successful shot are Coach Dave McGonigle and members of the sophomore boys' basketball team. While on the bench, players would contribute by cheering on those who were on the court.



#### Breaking ground

Junior Aaron Rasmussen helps Coach Jim Genovese put up stakes for a cross country meet. Both starting and non-starting team members would often be willing to lend a helping hand when needed.

#### Viking charge

Out for the win, the varsity football team takes a pregame charge onto the field through a banner the cheerleaders prepared. While the entire team gets the thrill of this tradition, only a few get to play during the game.



## OUR THOUGHTS

By Deena Butterfield

*If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be? Why?*



“ I sometimes have a lack of self-confidence because I feel that I don't live up to people's expectations. ”  
—*senior Crystal Hicks*



“ I would emphasize my own decisions and not agree with what everyone said if I did or didn't like the situation. ”  
—*sophomore Steve Spanopoulos*



“ I need to learn how to cope with bad situations better. I always tell myself that things are only as bad as they seem. ”  
—*junior Heidi Letz*

## Two-point try

Beth Goldman tries to get past her Chesterion guard for another two points. Freshman teams prepared the athletes for future junior varsity or varsity teams.

## Bump, spike, kill

Relying on teamwork, Marta Conkle and Jessica Gray try to block an opponent's spike over the net. Conkle was named MVP for the freshman girls' "A" team.



*"The high school program is much more advanced and serious than the middle school. You've really got to hang on and work twice as hard."*

*-freshman  
Marta Conkle*

### FRESHMAN GIRLS'

#### BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL

	V-Ball "A" "B"	B-Ball "A" "B"
Plymouth	L	W W
E.C. Cent.		W W
Cen. Pt.	W W	W W
Lowell		W W
Andreas	W W	W L/L
Highland	W W	W W
Lk. Cen.	L	W W
LaPorte	L W	W W
Chester.	W W	W W
KV	W W	W W
Portage	W W	W L
Merr.	W W	
Rens.		W
Hobart		
Munster	W	
Noll	L L	
Rogers	W	
Tourney		
Invitation	W/W/W/L	
Portage	W	
Merr.	W	
Munster	W	
Championship		
LaPorte	L	

DAC 4-1 3-0 5-0 2-1  
Overall 13-5 7-1 16-2 5-3

#### Freshman Girls' Basketball "A" Team

Front Row: Cori Walls, Kirsten Rhinehart, Shannon Corkwell, Allison Kissinger, Jen Elliot. Back Row: Missy Rucker, Meagan Clifford, Jill Petcu, Beth Goldman, Jenny Niksch, Kristy Boland, Coach Jim Hunt.



#### Freshman Girls' Basketball "B" Team

Front Row: Julie Hollar, Melissa Hanson, Katy Thelen, Nicole Hitz, Crissy Venditti. Back Row: Coach Michelle Salomon, Keli Lanyi, Jessica Gray, Jenny Niksch, Jen Elliot.





**Freshman Volleyball Team**

Front Row: Kirsten Rhinehart, Marta Conkle, Chrissy Venditti, Lisa Porapalboon. Second Row: Amanda Hager, Kelly Lanyi, Jennifer Nicksch, Allison Kissingner, Jessica Lester. Back Row: Gina Creutzburg, Mgr. Danielle Goodman, Mgr. Missy McGuinn, Jessica Gray, Erin Parker, Nancy Lukes, Corey Walls, Coach Karen Hancock.

# New experience

## Girls show promise

Tim Marler

Sports Editor

When a new building is constructed, care must be taken to make the foundation strong so the building will last.

Another type of foundation was also being established but did not involve any bricks or steel. This foundation involved a group of freshman girls who worked to develop their basketball and volleyball skills for future junior varsity and varsity teams.

One of the first tasks of becoming successful is getting to know everyone.

"Everyone had a great time together and got along, which I am not always sure of when you mix people together from different middle schools," said freshman volleyball coach Karen Hancock.

Even with the gap between the two prior schools, both teams had no trouble getting down to business.

The volleyball "A" and "B" teams had a combined record of 20-6 and placed second at the freshman invitational.

"I believe our team did really well because we did a great job working together and had fun," said team member Marta Conkle.

Team leaders were Conkle, setter;

Missy McGuinn, hitter; Kirsten Rhinehart, Mental Attitude Award recipient; and Cori Walls, setter. Chrissy Venditti and Lisa Porapalboon were co-recipients of the Most Improved Award.

Hancock attributed the team's success to fundamentals.

"We concentrate on fundamentals rather than strategy because a good fundamental team can beat anyone at the freshman level," she said.

Like the volleyball team, the basketball team also stressed fundamentals and worked its way to an overall combined "A" and "B" team record of 21-5.

"These teams had ability and they always worked hard," said "B" team coach Michelle Salomon. This marked Salomon's debut as coach.

Overseeing the "A" team was second year coach Jim Hunt.

Leaders on the "A" team were Meagan Clifford and Shannon Corkwell. "B" team standouts were Chrissy Venditti and Jen Nicks.

"Everyone would always tell us we performed great on the court. That encouraged us to try even harder," said team member Katy Thelen.

While players at the freshman level had to adjust to each other, they also had to become accustomed to sports on the high school level.

Basketball team members Meagan Clifford and Katy Thelen agreed

that the intensity of the practices and games were greater, but there were several advantages to the high school program over the middle school teams.

"There is a much wider selection of teams and the coaches are very helpful," Clifford said.

When any foundation is laid, there is always optimism of what the results will be. The freshman girls' volleyball and basketball teams proved to themselves, their coaches, and their school that the future looked very bright indeed.

### Controlling the Game

To keep in control of the ball, Staci Mitchell races to the other side of the court during a "B" team game. All freshman teams were divided into "A" and "B" teams to allow everyone to play.



# Girls' JV Basketball Team

Front Row: Michelle Van Tobel, Julie Edwards, Tennille Drake, Kelly Bickel, Amy Kobe, Chris Marsch. Back Row: Coach Mark Knauff, Jovanka Sirovica, Mia Sornick, Erin Gray, Kate Swartz, Carrie Brown, Lindsay Brown.

# Hit or Miss?

Aiming for the basket, senior Lisa Furlin shoots over her Crown Point guard. Furlin was the leading scorer with an average of 18.3 points per game, and was named to the All-State team.



# High Stepping

Looking for a way to score around a Hobart opponent, senior Dawn Mount helps the Lady Vikes to a 69-30 win. Mount aided the team in assists.



*"I learned that the mental game of basketball is more important than the physical part."*  
senior  
Lisa Furlin

# Girls' BASKETBALL

	Varsity	JV
S. Central	106 - 28	28 - 20
Lake Central	53 - 45	30 - 34
Crown Pt.	49 - 27	35 - 34
E.C. Central	77 - 48	39 - 27
Laf. Jeff.	60 - 49	33 - 31
M.C. Rogers	87 - 32	41 - 36
Gary Roosevelt	77 - 9	48 - 14
LaPorte	61 - 25	35 - 33
Brownsburg	53 - 33	48 - 30
HALL OF FAME CLASSIC		
Charlestown	53 - 54	
Rand. South	73 - 40	
WARSAW TOURNAMENT		
Mt. Vernon	48 - 31	
Warsaw	55 - 37	
Andreson	69 - 33	48 - 26
Kank. Valley	93 - 29	38 - 29
Chesterton	64 - 38	27 - 24
Portage	50 - 27	32 - 27
Merrillville	96 - 22	34 - 22
JV TOURNAMENT		
Portage		34 - 26
Chesterton		39 - 26
Hobart	69 - 30	50 - 19
Hamm. Gavitt	96 - 6	
Hamm. High		47 - 42
SECTIONAL		
Wash. Twp.	95 - 41	
Portage	70 - 40	
Chesterton	53 - 29	
REGIONAL		
Kouts	61 - 38	
Winamac	61 - 48	
SEMISTATE		
Seeger	67 - 51	
Benton Central	68 - 49	
STATE		
Kokomo	38 - 52	
Overall		
	26-2	17-1
DAC		
	6-0	6-0

# Airbourne

Senior Alana Hancock triumphantly saves the day as she leaps for the ball before it flies out of bounds. Hancock was chosen to play for the All-State team for the second consecutive year.





# Unity boasts success

## Seniors go out in style

Aaron Vnuk

Writer

Whether on a professional sports team or an Olympic team, each individual contributes to the group effort to make it successful.

This was also true for the girls' varsity basketball team whose teamwork and unity led to a school record 26 wins and the second consecutive berth in the state's final four.

Led by second year head coach Greg Kirby, and assistant Kathy Levandoski, the Lady Vikes earned a 26-2 overall season record and a 6-0 Duneland Athletic Conference finish.

Although the state contender was stopped by eventual state champion Kokomo in the semifinals with a 52-36 loss, the season's success was not forgotten.

"I think I speak for everyone when saying that the season could have been better by getting to the championship, but I still definitely think that this was the best season of my career," senior Nicki Nettrour said.

Joining Nettrour for a final season were seniors Jamie Anselm, Nikki Bishop, Lisa Furlin, Alana

Hancock, Dawn Mount and Laura Phillips.

For the seven seniors, it meant the last time they would play high school basketball together, however, the legacy they left at VHS will always endure.

For example, in the past four years, the seniors never lost a home game, never lost a DAC game, and have won four sectional and regional titles, two semistate titles with two final four appearances.

That epoch holds a lot of memories, some more important than others.

"I consider the entire year a most memorable moment. Everything from winning the DAC to winning semistate fairly easily," Anselm said.

"Winning semistate and advancing to the final four were the most memorable moments for me," Bishop said.

With all that success, came a lot of learning about the game of basketball.

"This season was especially important to me because I learned that the mental game of basketball is more important than the physical part," Furlin said.

But still that physical part plays an important role as a lot of practice went into the team.

"If you want to go far in some-

thing, you have to put a lot of time into it. Our team worked a lot this season," Furlin said.

Not only was the varsity successful, but the junior varsity lost only once (17-1), to Lake Central, and conquered the conference championship with an unbeaten record.

"We showed great character in winning many close games. The team showed outstanding patience and a strong belief in each other and in their coaches," JV head coach Mark Knauff said.

In addition to the team honors, Furlin was named to the All-State team, while Nettrour competed in Hook's Drugs 3-point shootout in the Indiana-Kentucky All-Star Weekend in Indianapolis in June.

Overall, the success of the girls' basketball teams began with the most important element of any sports team, the unity. ♦

### Out of my way

Getting by the Hobart JV defense is sophomore Chris Marsch. The team had a 17-1 overall record.



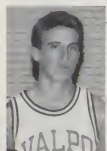
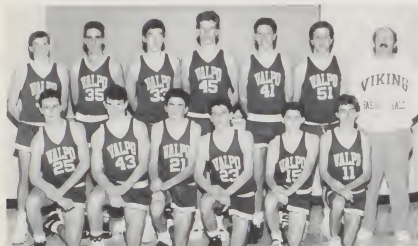
### Girls' Varsity Basketball Team

Front Row: Assistant Coach Kathy Levandoski, Dawn Mount, Kim Kuehl, Nikki Bishop, Jamie Anselm, Jen Ward, Nicki Nettrour; manager Sarah Klett. Back Row: JV Coach Mark Knauff, Paula Libassi, Alana Hancock, Lisa Furlin, Laura Phillips, Jovanka Sirovica; manager Lauren Mahns, head coach Greg Kirby. The team's 26 wins set a school record.



# Freshman Boys' Basketball "A" Team

Front Row: Mark Turek, Matt Ryan, Pat Mullin, Pete Dirindin, J.R. Dunn, Jerry



"The fundamentals we learned this year are more important than our win/loss record." - sophomore Doug Mitchell

Drever, Back Row: Joel Porch, Mark Roscoe, Dave Purlin, Bryan Mahns, Dave DuVall, Tim Crissman, Coach John Knauff. The 'A' team finished 15-5 overall.

# Sophomore Boys' Basketball Team

Front Row: Nathan Finding, Scott Jacobs, Eric Brown, Josh Craig, Justin



Schmidt, Back Row: Coach David McGonigle, Tom Collins, Doug Mitchell, Mike Follis, Matt Moore, Jamie Cruikshank. The team ended a 10-6 record.

## New expectations Underclass teams prepare

### FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL

	"A"	"B"
Gary Roosevelt	45-37	45-33
Plymouth	40-31	50-14
E.C. Central	37-42	45-29
LaPorte	52-40	43-45
Wheeler/Tourney	38-22	45-23
River Forest/Tourney	45-23	
Hobart/Tourney	51-8	
LaPorte/Tourney	51-44	
Merrillville	31-35	51-26
Hobart	34-24	40-21
Kankakee Valley	42-29	42-47
Portage	30-29	33-24
Highland	31-27	39-23
Chesterton	31-27	42-48
North Judson	58-39	
Crown Point	45-38	48-33
M.C. Rogers	33-35	
Portage/Tourney	30-34	39-36
Chesterton/Tourney	54-24	38-43
LaPorte/Tourney	54-24	38-43
Rensselaer	89-40	52-33
Lake Central	32-35	46-27
Lewell	58-38	49-30

DAC 5-2 5-2  
OVERALL 15-5 14-4

### SOPHOMORE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Kouts	54-42
Lew Wallace	45-47/49-53
South Central	38-41
Laf. Cen. Catholic	39-47
North White	46-30
Lewell	58-46
LaPorte/Tourney	44-38
Lew Wallace/Tourney	43-36
Washington Twp.	36-15
Hobart	27-28/40-26/30-34
Boone Grove	37-15
Merrillville	53-36

OVERALL 10-6

John Sponberg

Writer

While most teams' top priority is winning, the freshman and sophomore boys basketball teams prepared for the future by learning the fundamentals of the game.

However, with a 10-6 record under its belt, the sophomore boys' basketball team learned much about the game itself, even while compiling an impressive win-loss percentage.



Tight play

Surrounded by his LaPorte opponents, freshman Pete Dirindin looks desperately for an open man. Dirindin led the freshman "A" team in points scored.

damentals that we learned this year are more important than the win-loss record," sophomore Doug Mitchell said.

This year's sophomores were a good passing and shooting team, but in certain situations they were not as patient as they could have been, according to McGonigle.

"But overall the positives outweighed the negatives," said McGonigle.

Another of those positive points was the fact that everyone on the team played well.

"It seemed like a different player stepped up to provide the leadership in each game," McGonigle said.

Being a big part of the team, even with a 10-6 record, had other rewards as well.

"I just felt privileged to be around all of the boys and to be there for them to help them improve their game," said McGonigle.

While the freshman "A" team posted an equally impressive 15-5 mark, they too, stressed the fundamentals of the game for the future seasons.

"We use the same techniques, pretty much, as the varsity or

junior varsity teams," "A" coach John Knauff said.

"Our defense this year was very good. We usually played unselfish basketball and most importantly, we played well together as a team," Knauff said.

The freshman "A" team also had the ability to play well in close games and always gave 100 percent, according to coach Knauff.

"We accomplished a lot this year. We got along well and we learned a lot also," Knauff said.

With a 14-4 record, the freshman "B" team also experienced some success this year while preparing for future play.

"We do the same things as varsity or j.v., but we press a little bit more," "B" coach Dale Gott said.

"Our greatest strength this year was the fact that we were great competitors and our depth," Gott said. "Our whole team contributed. Even Matt Rickman, the team's leading scorer, set a new free throw percentage record at 75 percent."

Like all good teams, each club posted a winning record, but more importantly learned the essential fundamentals for future successes.

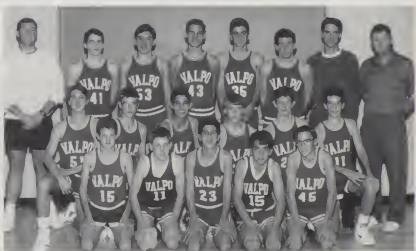


#### Under pressure

Freshman 'A' team member Tim Crissman attempts a two-point try while being blocked by his Chesterton opponent. The freshman 'A' and 'B' teams boasted a combined overall record of 29-9.

#### Leap shot

On an attempt to score, sophomore team member Josh Craig shoots over the arms of his Lew Wallace opponent. Many of the sophomore players will move on to the JV and Varsity Level.



**Freshman Boys' Basketball "B" Team**

Front Row: Josh Getse, Tom Gott, Jason Linkimer, Ryan Birch, Chris Simstad.  
Second Row: Steve Ross, Bryan Tullis,

Matt Rickman, Jason Rouch, Adam Burke, Mark Bowers. Back Row: Dan Spencer, Jason Redar, Mike Makarowski, Justin Gent, Kirk Hazen, Jonathan Ziegert, Bob Finley, Coach Dale Gott.

#### Precise strategy

Talking over the game plan is 'A' team head coach John Knauff. In addition to teaching basketball, the coaches also stressed dedication, self-discipline, and loyalty.

### Just in time

Diving out of bounds, sophomore Chris Kaleth saves a loose ball. A strong defense let the JV team to a 6-0 record in the DAC.

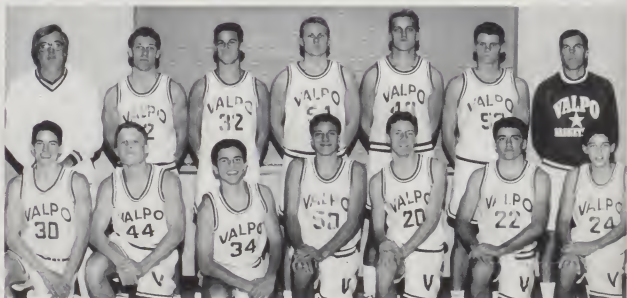
### Under pressure

During a Portage time out, head coach Bob Punter reviews the defense. Punter and his assistant Bob Barthold led the varsity team to a 16-5 season.



### JV Boys' Basketball Team

Front Row: Mark Knauff, Chris Kaleth, Tim Bishop, Aaron Rasmussen, Scott Anlehtner. Back Row: Coach Lew Rhinehart, Chase Sorrick, Mike Wilson, Steve Jankowski, Mark Burnison, Ryan Erdelac.



### Varsity Boys' Basketball Team

Front Row: Matt Thomas, Kevin Hites, Gabe Wright, Dan Blagojevich, Steve

Jankowski, Mike Finley, Bryce Drew. Back Row: Coach Bob Punter, Nate McMillan, Jason Daly, Chad Tolson, Chris August, Jim Crowell, assistant coach Bob Barthold.

### Putting it up

Sophomore Ryan Erdelac is able to put up a shot against the Portage defense. The JV team swept the DAC 6-0.



Senior Chad Tolson looks for an open man after being trapped by his opponent. The varsity surprised many with their record of 5-1 in the DAC.

Second year starter and this year's MVP, sophomore Bryce Drew pressures his Portage opponent. The point guard led in assists, free throws and 3 pt. shooting.



"We were more than teammates, we were best friends. I love playing basketball with my friends."  
senior  
Dan Blagojevich



## BOYS' BASKETBALL

	Varsity	JV
Boone Grove	51-34	51-28
Highland	68-56	58-31
G. Roosevelt	65-54	49-47
E.C. Central	63-77	45-48
Chesteron	50-53	46-37
Plymouth	56-54	68-24
M.C. Rogers/Tourney	81-81	56-46
M.C. Elston/Tourney	59-54	62-46
LaPorte		62-46
Chesteron	48-45	57-25
Kank. Valley	69-57	61-51
LaPorte	80-61	43-38
S.B. Riley	66-56	48-26
M.C. Rogers	65-54	63-42
LaPorte, Jeff.	73-82	53-49
Portage	74-66	44-25
Hobart	42-38	44-38
Lowell	70-81	55-33
Logansport	64-43	64-34
Merrillville	56-59	33-24
N. Judson	65-56	52-42
Portage/Sectional	44-57	

DAC 5-1 6-0  
OVERALL 16-5 19-1

# Beating the odds

## Performance exceeds goals

Bret Kutansky

Writer

At first glance, a lump of coal doesn't appear to hold much potential. But with a little polishing, it can turn out to be as valuable as a diamond. This seasons boys' varsity and junior varsity basketball teams were truly diamonds in the rough.

"We weren't picked to do well; however, we ended up finishing 5-1 in the DAC," third-year head coach Bob Punter said.

"Some of the teams' success was partly because of unexpected contributions," Punter said.

"(Nate) McMillan and (Mike) Finley played better than anticipated," Punter said.

Punter also listed defense and team unity as keys to the Vikings' success.

"Our defense was good. It was very tough to score against us," Punter said.

"I thought they were really all together. They played as a team," he added.

"We were athletic and we knew what each other's roles were," senior Dan Blagojevich said.

Punter said that the team did not set material goals. Instead, they tried to play as well and as hard as they could in every game. This determination led them to a 16-5 record.

Also cited as a top contributor was sophomore point guard Bryce Drew. Named to the All-Conference team, Drew was the team's MVP and led in assists, free throws, and 3 pt. shots.

The JV team also produced a gem of a season, winning 19 of 20 games, the best ever at VHS.

"I could see the potential there. I was really excited. I thought

these guys could be really good," JV coach Lew Rhinehart said.

The team lived up to its expectations, using 70 percent free throw shooting and 48 percent field-goal shooting to obtain a 19-1 record.

"They worked well together, paid attention, and tried to do what I asked. I trusted them on the floor," Rhinehart said.

Through hard work and dedication, the teams polished their seasons into diamonds. ♦

## Double trouble

Freshman Dave Furlin prepares to pass around his Portage defender. The JV team consisted of 12 members.



# Making waves

## Vikes dominate conference

Aaron Vnuk

Writer

One would think that after 25 years of coaching VHS swimming, Charles E. "Skip" Bird would have achieved every possible goal.

But, up until this season, the team had never defeated Munster High School and had never experienced an unbeaten regular season.

Both of those goals became a reality as the swimming and diving

team swept through the conference unbeaten, won the sectional, and placed sixth at state, its highest finish since 1987.

Senior Bob "Rock" Lozanovski, looks for his time at the Merrillville meet. He placed 5th in the 50m freestyle and 8th in the 100m freestyle at state.

The rock floats

this year. They have worked harder than they've ever worked before this season," Bird said.

The team finished the regular season with an 11-0 record and posted its first win over Munster since 1965, and only the second in school history.

"That meet gave us a lot of momentum for the rest of the season, plus, it's always good to start 1-0," Bird said.

But the success did not stop there, as a well-experienced team led them to sky-high goals.

The team was led by 16 returning lettermen: eight seniors, five juniors, and three sophomores. A couple of strong move-ins and a good freshman class made for a well-balanced squad.

"For the first time in a while we had great depth. We were very well balanced, which I think helped us a lot through the season," Bird said.

With the great team effort came several strong individual performances at state.

Senior Bob Lozanovski placed fifth in the 50 freestyle and eighth in the 100 free at the state meet.

He agreed that this was one of the best teams he has been on.

"We've had one of the best seasons in history. We were a really strong team with a lot of talent," Lozanovski said.

Also at the state meet, junior Pete Sattler earned a fifth in the butterfly, senior Todd Carpenter was tenth in the 500 free and 13th in the 200 free, and senior Karl Mikerelt was 16th in the breast-stroke.

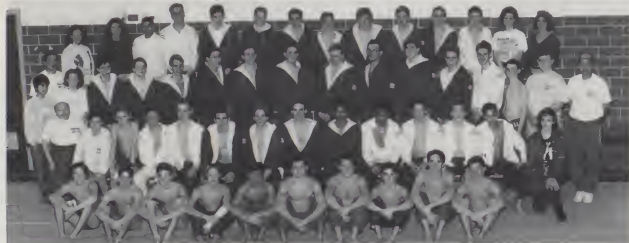
Sectional champion senior diver Joel Szymanski placed 19th at state.

Captains for this year's team were seniors Lozanovski, Mikerelt, Troy Riffel, and Art Choate.

Bird also credited assistant coach Larry Reitz and diving coach Bill Chappo for the team's success.

"They were just totally indispensable. They were responsible for a great deal of our success," Bird said.

Despite the 25 years he has spent coaching swimming, Bird said he will not forget the year of firsts that the past season provided.



Boys' Swimming and Diving Team

Front row: Kevin Haley, Mike McDonald, Tom Hughes, Mike Steffen, Dave Ewer, Joel Szymanski, Art Choate, Frank Heredia, Dan Tushman, Mark Gingrich. Second Row: Head Coach Skip Bird, Matt Erman, Jeff Sederberg, Nathan Glauser, Jeremy Crawford, Mike Lam-

merlin, Josh Anderson, Bob Lee, Mahinda Ratnayake, Jason Villarreal, Ryan Shimala, Brett Maesch, Gordon Wilkes, Stephanie Switzer, mgr. Third Row: Eri Katayama, mgr; Mark Mohr, mgr; Mark Wingenroth, Matt Papachronis, Pete Sattler, Aaron Witkowski, Karl Mikerelt, Todd Carpenter, Troy Riffel, Bob Lozanovski, Kyle Sorensen, Sean Lively,

J.P. Puglisi, Dan Hayford, Tim Donlin, mgr; Diving Coach Bill Chappo. Back Row: Coach Larry Reitz, Heather Szymanski, mgr, Lindsay Ferguson, mgr; Ray Taylor, Mike Kwiatkowski, Todd Sorensen, Jeff Somers, Nick Vorkapich, Tim Fleming, Eric McLean, Greg Gratson, Brian Omer, George Djurovic, Dawn Skingley, mgr; Leslee Hewlett, mgr.





### Stretching it

Helping the varsity effort and contributing all around to the team, senior Karl Milkereit races toward another victory. Milkereit competed in the 200m medley relay and placed 16th in the 100m breaststroke at state.



*"We've had one of the best seasons in school history. We were a strong team with a lot of talent."*  
- senior Bob Lozanovski

### BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Munster	W
Portage	W
Munster Relays	1st
Chesterton	W
LaPorte	W
LaPorte Invitational	1st
Highland	W
Lake Central	W
Merrillville	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Hobart	W
Hammond Noll	W
DAC Meet	1st
Crown Point	W
Sectional	1st
Sectional	1st
State	6th

DAC 6-0

Overall 11-0



**Taking the plunge**

For another Viking victory, senior Todd Carpenter dives in during a home meet. The varsity team successfully completed an undefeated season while placing first in the DAC and sectionals.



**All in the family**

Assisting Coach Skip Bird at a home meet are his wife Betsy, and daughters Patty and Mary. The 1991-92 season, which was the Vikes' best ever since 1987, marked Bird's 25th year as swim coach.



**Head over heels**

Freshman Frank Hereda executes a dive during a home meet against Portage. Diving coach Bill Chappo completed his eighth year of training divers.

### Hard fought victory

Junior wrestler Eric Wilson is the victor after defeating his opponent, Wilson, a two-year member of the varsity team, placed eighth at the state meet in the 112 weight class.

### Down for the count

Nearing victory, senior Chad Zulich holds his opponent to the mat. Zulich spent the entire season on varsity, while many players floated between JV and varsity positions.



### JV Wrestling

First Row: Ryan Bruce, Andy Boyle, Greg Ewer, Adam Julovich, Jamal Cotton, Matt Hasler, Ryan Ferguson. Second Row: Jim

Mackenzie, Jason Bradley, Trevor Bollhorst, Brian Rush, Alan Morrison, Mike Jeselskis. Back Row: Matt Highlan, Chuck Kieran, Dave Brown, Steve Wittner, George Wilson, Mike Synowiec, Ray Perkins, Nick Bihunas.



### Varsity Wrestling

Front Row: Matt Freise, John Bergeson, Brian Laik, Steve Summerford, Tim Kostelnik, Eric Wilson. Second Row: Josh

Bedard, Rob Ealy, Shane Ikeda, John Lockard, Damian Tsoutsouris, Chad Zulich, Eric Douglas. Back Row: Curt Musser, Stefan Selby, Mike Synowiec, Greg Blomberg, Matt Highlan, Trevor Bollhorst.



## All tied up

Battling for position, junior Dave Brown tries to break down his opponent. The team ended the season with a 1-4-1 DAC record.

## Rooting them on

The team cheers for a player on the mat during a varsity match. Team support was one of the main reasons for the Vikings success this season.

## Words of wisdom

Encouraging the players is coach John Cook. Cook was the head coach, while Ralph Iatarola and Tom Renn were both assistant coaches.



# Grappling through season

## Wrestlers make sacrifices

Amy Zelaya

Writer

An athlete hears "practice makes perfect" at least one time during the season; however, it is the athlete's responsibility to apply the concept. The wrestling team proved how well the idea could be grasped through their hard work and improvement.

"Varsity wrestlers junior Eric Douglas and Eric Wilson improved to the level to be as good as anyone in the state," head coach John Cook said.

Wilson finished eighth at state in the 112 weight class, while Douglas placed second in the 140 class.

"I had a disappointing state meet, but hopefully I can get it together next year and come out on top," Wilson said.

The team's overall record ended up at 9-8-1 while their DAC record was 1-4-1. Though they

lost meets against Chesterton and Portage, the team placed third at Sectionals.

The wrestlers had to keep their commitment to wrestling by making personal sacrifices.

"The wrestlers had to skip their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to maintain their weight levels," Cook said.

According to Cook, there was a bond between him and the wrestlers.

"We're in it together, and I was a wrestler for a long time so I understand the sacrifices that the sport requires," Cook said.

This season marked Cook's 15th year as head wrestling coach.

The commitment and practice also paid off for the junior varsity wrestlers, who finished with a season record of 9-5 under assistant coach Ralph Iatarola.

"A couple of J.V. wrestlers had the opportunity to play varsity when someone was injured. That experience helped them add value to their team," Iatarola said.

According to Iatarola, the J.V.

team improved their skills and were more competitive.

"I believe that J.V. wrestled well throughout the season, and I was very happy with my performances. I reached my goal of wrestling better in every meet," sophomore wrestler Nick Bilunas said.

The freshman also contributed their efforts at the Freshman Crown Point Double Dual where they placed first. At the Freshman LaPorte Triple Dual and LaPorte Invitational they took second.

Spending time practicing helped make the team perfect in the area of wrestling competition.

Ready to pounce

Eyeing his opponent, junior Brian Laik prepares to struggle through another victory. Laik contributed to the Vikings overall 9-8-1 record.



"I've learned that practicing hard is a critical part of getting better during the season," - Junior Eric Wilson



## WRESTLING

	JV	V
JV Double Duals	W/W	
Highland Quad	-	1st
Chesterton	L	L
Merr. Invite	-	6th
Portage	L	L
JV Cr. Pt. Triple Dual	3rd	-
Connersville	-	7th
LaPorte	W	1st
Hobart	W	L
DAC meet	-	8th
Lowell	W	W
M.C. Rogers	W	W
Hobart Invite	-	3rd
Sectionals	-	3rd
Regionals	-	7th
Semi-State	-	8th
State	-	21st

DAC 3-3 1-4-1  
OVERALL 9-5 9-8-1

## Twisted sister

To achieve flexibility, sophomore Hope Fierst practices stretching exercises. The gymnasts worked for a long time to achieve the flexibility needed for difficult routines.

## All in the routine

Maintaining balance and excellent form on the balance beam is freshman Stephanie Hutnick. The team finished the season ranked second in the state.



# G

## race under pressure

### Girls overcome tragedies

Amy Zelaya

#### Writer

It's easy to imagine the pressure put upon a surgeon. He must block any emotional concerns and go on

with the surgery. Likewise, the girls' gymnastic team did just that by going on with the performances while losing one gymnast due to an illness and another to injury.

"The team did really well this season. The girls were up to potential beyond my expectations,"

said head coach Lorie Cook.

Cook has earned two state titles in her 17 year tenure. Assistant coach Becky Juergens has worked with the program for 11 years.

"This year was a real struggle for the girls. Sophomores Linsay Hanson and Shannon Swanson had to discontinue the season due to illness and injury. Despite the tragedies, the team worked together really well. Their determination to go on was incredible under the circumstances," Cook said.

Junior Amy Ehman agreed that it was important for the team to learn the skill of dealing with pressure.

The team also had to put forth tremendous effort to tie Merrillville at Regionals after losing to them three consecutive times. Merrillville then went on to earn the state championship.

"People may think that we didn't meet our expectations since we placed second at state. However, I look at it as an amazing season since the team had to pull themselves through so much to even make it to

state," Cook said.

Cook said that the team has many promising gymnasts that will be returning next year. Junior Amy Ehman placed third all-around at the state meet, and there are many freshmen and sophomores that have also been a big help to the team.

"The girls learned a lot from senior Gina Massuda who provided team leadership which should carry on next year," Cook said.

Coinciding with the team's success were the friendships of the gymnasts.

"Our team was very close to each other. We pushed each other when we were having a bad day and helped each other with problems. But most of all, we had lots of fun together during the season," sophomore Michele Child said.

A surgeon learned the importance of a successful surgery since a little mistake can result in death. Additionally, the gymnastics team had to learn not to give up despite the odds. Both a surgeon and the gymnasts had to act under pressure. ♦

#### Success story

Senior Gina Massuda gets a running start for her floor routine. With two individual state championships, Massuda provided leadership for the team.





### Balance the uneven

Sophomore Emily Schuetz works to perfect her balance on the uneven bars. The defending state champs placed 2nd at Sectionals, tied for 1st at Regionals and finished 2nd at the State meet.

*"Not only do I do my best to get scores for the team, I also try to have a good attitude."*  
senior  
Gina Massuda



### GYMNASTICS

Crown Point	W
Viking Invite	1st
LaPorte	W
Pt. Wayne Con. Inv.	1st
Hobart	W
Lowell	W
Chesterton	W
Portage	W
Merrillville	L
DAC meet	2nd
Sectional	2nd
Regional	(tie) 1st
State	2nd

**DAC** 4-1 (2nd)  
**OVERALL** 8-1



Turned around

Gymnastics Team

Lindsay Hanson, sophomore, practices a handstand on the balance beam while preparing for an upcoming meet. Due to a serious illness, Hanson was unable to finish the season with her teammates who earned a second at State.

Front Row: Stephanie Hutnick, Michelle Child, Kari VanRosendale, Amy Ehman, Susan DeLuna, Gina Massuda. Back Row: Shannon Swanson, Lindsay Hanson, Hope Fierst, Emily Shuetz, Shannon Whisler, Laura Valary, Danielle Bishop.

### In stride

Before the start of a game, the varsity team warms up by running laps around the field. The players agreed that the key element of their success was team work.



# G

## aining merit

### Team works together

Kara Conkle

#### Writer

Many things are involved in making a successful song. There must be good lyrics and rhythm, talented singers and musicians, and something special that brings it all together.

Togetherness and teamwork were qualities that the soccer team compiled a 3-6 record.

#### Kicking off

Sophomore goalie Tony Choate, sophomore, prepares to kick the ball to his teammates. The JV team compiled a 3-6 record.

#### JV Soccer Team

Front Row: Frank Hereda, Ryan Handley, Anne Hamson, Andy Boyle, Matt Albrecht, Mike McDonald, Gary Dunn, Second Row: Boris Grot, Greg Ewer, Danielle Shearhod, Bimal Doshi, Mike O'Keefe, Josh Niedner, Back Row: Tony Choate, Steve Ross, Clint Douthitt, Mike Dalber, Mike Bustos, Sean Anderson, Mike Harvey, Coach Danny Jeflich.

"Cohesiveness and togetherness is our motto. It is the key to the team because on and off the field we have a family atmosphere. This attitude reflects on the field," first-year head coach Danny Jeflich said.

"The key elements of our team are dedication, attitude, talent, and above all teamwork," three-year letterwinner senior Kevin Sepkowski said.

With a different coach, the players had a new beginning.

"We just wanted to improve from last season and make the conference tournament," senior goalie Matt Kehret said.

"Our goals were to take it one game at a time, improve every game and have a successful season," Jeflich said.

Jeflich was responsible for a new attitude on the team, according to veteran players.

"The team members this year worked for the team, rather than themselves as in the past," Sepkowski said.

While their biggest rival, Portage, was ranked first in the Lake Porter Athletic Conference, the soccer team finished with a commendable ranking.

Most valuable player was awarded to Sepkowski, best defensive player was awarded to Mike Tittle, while best offensive player was awarded to senior Mark Blackman. Junior John Bergeson was voted most improved on varsity.

Named MVP on the JV squad was Steve Ross, while Ryan Handley received the Mental Attitude Award.

Unity and togetherness was the "something" that made the soccer team special, like all good songs need something unique to make them a hit.







### Step aside

Junior Mark Germann struggles to gain control of the ball from a Hammond Clark player. Germann was a first year member of the varsity team.

### Into the great wide open

Varsity midfielder, freshman Mike Mount dribbles the ball down the field. In spite of new coaches and a new system, the team achieved a 5-7-3 record.



*"We had some really good soccer players, and were united,"*  
senior Mark Blackman

### SOCCER

	V	JV
S.B. Adams	0-3	0-9
Highland	4-2	
Hammond Clark	6-0	
Crown Point	0-1	
Chesterton	0-1	0-4
Munster	0-1	
Andean	1-2	1-0
Merrillville	1-1	1-0
S.B. Clay	0-1	
Elkhart Central	1-1	
Chesterton	2-2	1-3
E.C. Central	1-2	
JV Tourney		2-3
Chesterton		5-0
Andean		
Wheeler	11-0	
Portage	1-3	0-1
Lew Wallace	4-1	
Griffith	3-2	1-3
Lake/Porter	2-3	

**OVERALL 5-7-3 3-6**



### Holding down the fort

One of the top scorers, Ryan McQuillan lives up to his title as he protects the ball from a Crown Point defender. McQuillan, a junior, was a first-year varsity letterwinner after the past two seasons on the JV team. This year's varsity team had nine seniors, six juniors, one sophomore, and four freshmen, the most ever freshmen on the varsity squad.

### Varsity Soccer Team

Front Row: Mike Cuson, Chris Ehrenberg, John Bergeson, Matt Kehret, Brad Wolf, Mike Mount, Joe Doppler. Second Row: Jason McLane, Mark Blackman, Art Choate, Mark Germann, Dave Ewer, Steve Cuson. Back Row: Sean Swenson, Ben Bretlinger, Kevin Sepkowski, Aaron Vnuik, Mike Tittle, Craig Wathen, Ryan McQuillan, Head Coach Danny Jettich.

## Girls' Varsity Tennis Team

## Reaching out

Front Row: Amy Zelaya, Kathi Hansen, Joi Strogulludis, Amy Swisher, Kara Conkle. Back Row: Head Coach Bob Barthold, Jen Silva, Hashi Nagubadi, Roni Gold. Assistant Coach Dave Kings.

With a spring in her steps, senior Amy Swisher serves the ball to her Crown Point opponent at the opening meet. Swisher's new spin serve helped her throughout the season to earn Best Record Award.



## Girls' JV Tennis Team

Front Row: Jessica Pacholke, Karrie Van Rosendale, Chris Marsch, Maria Conkle, Laurie Fortunak. Second Row: Melissa Hanson, Angie Sanghvi, Jen Silva, Prysanthi Tommur, Jackie Wathen, Jamie Mott. Back Row: Varsity Coach Bob Barthold, Lindsay Brown, Nancy Lukes, Carrie Brown, Tiffany Shone, JV Coach Dave Kings.



*"It's hard to lose a match, but it helps us recognize our weakness."*

*- senior  
Roni Gold*

## GIRLS' TENNIS

	JV	Varsity
Crown Point	W	W
Calumet	W	W
M.C. Elston	W	W
Munster	W	W
Andean	W	W
Lake Central	W	W
LaPorte	W	L
Logansport Twp.	W	W
Portage	W	W
Highland	W	W
Chesterton	W	W
Culver	W	L
Hobart	W	W
Merrillville	W	W
Culver Inv.		L/W
M.C. Rogers	W	W
Sectionals		W
Regional		W
Semi-State		L

DAC 6-0 5-1

OVERALL 12-0 15-4



# Total effort

## Girls work toward success

Kim Cruikshank, Amy Dobbs

### Academics Editors

When building a house, each beam is important for the finished product to be a success. Not only does each beam have to do its job, but it must also support the surrounding beams. Like the beams of a house, the members of the girls' tennis team worked hard to fulfill their jobs and support their teammates.

To reach the goal of success, the girls worked hard in practices, took individual lessons, and encouraged each other daily. The hard work paid off as the team finished 15-4 overall and 5-1 in the DAC tying with LaPorte.

"This year's team worked hard during the off-season. During the summer and winter some took lessons, went to camps, and worked on their fundamentals," second year head coach Bob Barthold said.

Returning letter winners were seniors Kara Conkle, Roni Gold, Hashi Nagubadi, Joi Stroguludis, Amy Swisher, and sophomore Amy Zelaya. Sophomores Jen Silva and Cathy Hansen also contributed to the team's success.

Goals for the varsity team included practicing hard each day, playing well in matches, and not measuring their success by wins or losses.

"It's really hard to lose a match, but in a way it helps us recognize our weaknesses and then apply them to our next match," senior doubles player Roni Gold said.

Like the varsity, the junior varsity team also set goals to work toward during its season and finished with a 12-0 overall record and 1st in the DAC.

"In order to reach our goal, we work hard to get as many junior varsity players up the varsity level for next season," junior varsity coach David Kings said.

The 14-member team, made up

of sophomores and freshmen, faced many tough competitors.

"Munster, LaPorte, and Andrean are probably our toughest opponents. All the teams we played were pretty good though," Kings said.

The tennis team won sectionals and regionals. Sophomore Amy Zelaya was announced MVP at the Spring Sports Awards Banquet.

While each beam is essential to the structure, each player's contributions is reason for the teams' success.



### The "Z" Force

Second-year varsity player Amy Zelaya, a sophomore, practices her toss which is essential for a good serve. Zelaya, as well as other team members, play throughout the fall and winter to perfect their technique.



### Tennis talk

Top doubles player Roni Gold seeks assistance from her second-year coach Bob Barthold. The senior has been a strong contributor at the varsity level for three years.

### Two to try

Junior varsity team members Angie Sanghvi and Chris Marsch, both sophomores, prepare for a doubles match at an after-school practice. Dave Kings was head coach of the Junior Varsity Team.

# Swinging away

## Golfers call on experience

Bret Kutansky

Writer

At the beginning of a play, the characters, plot, and conclusion have yet to be discovered. Throughout the play, however, all these elements unfold and everything falls into place.

### Measuring up

Freshman Bill Welter, studies the angle of his shot. Welter played either #1 or #2 on varsity.

Members of the boys' golf team also discovered over the course of the season

how their individual roles would fit into the overall story.

Divided evenly into a j.v. team and a varsity team, the 16 golfers sought to get along, and make it to the state tournament.

"There was a natural break between the freshman and sophomores and the juniors and seniors," head coach Wayne Lichtenberger said.

After suffering from the lack of experience the previous year, the team was ready for the challenge and set goals this year.

"We wanted to place in the tournament and win the DAC and eventually make it to state," Lichtenberger said.

To achieve these goals, the team practiced daily on improving every aspect of their game, and their dedi-

cation led to a 11-1 DAC record and a 26-3 overall record.

The team was lead by veteran players; Jeremy Strauss, a transfer student from Ohio, sophomore Chris Kaleth and freshman Bill Welter.

"Our main strength was experience, because a lot of us have played in quite a few summer tournaments," Kaleth said.

End-of-the-season honors went to Welter who was the varsity's MVP, and was also named the All-Conference team for which he was also MVP. Also selected All-Conference were Kaleth and Strauss.

As actors read the script to find out what their roles will be, the players on this year's golf team used the season to find out how they would fit into the big picture. ♦

"We had a team with a lot of potential," senior Jeremy Strauss



### BOYS' GOLF

	V	JV
LaVelle Tournay	2nd	2nd/9th
M.C. Marquette Tny	W	W
Crown Point	L	W
Highland	W/W	W
Lake Central/S.B. Riley	L	W
M.C. Marquette	1st	
JV Tournay	W/W	W/W
Chesteron/Rogers	1st	
Rensselaer Inv.	W/W	W/W
Hobart/LaPorte	W/W	W/W
Portage/Hobart	4th	
LaPorte Inv.	L/W	L/W
LaPorte/Chesteron	W/W	W/W
Merrillville/Portage	1st	
Lake Central Inv.	W/W	W/W
Merrillville/Rogers	1st	
M.C. Elston/Chesteron	1st	
Sectionals	3rd	
Regionals	21st	
State		

DAC 11-1(1st) 2nd  
OVERALL 26-3 18-4

### Fire away

Jeremy Strauss, senior, works on perfecting his drive. Strauss was a main contributor to the team's successful season.







### Aiming high

Getting ready for a golf meet, the team practices driving with their irons. The team finished the season 26-3 overall and tied for 1st place in the DAC.

### On the green

Chris Kaleth, sophomore, prepares to put into the ninth hole at the Valparaiso Country Club Golf Course. Kaleth was a second year member of the varsity team.



### Marking it off

Senior Kyle Turner marks the position of his ball in order to let his opponent put. In his fourth year on the team, Turner aided the team in its victories.

### Boys' Golf Team

Front Row: Craig Gephart, Ryan Birch, Jason Raugh, Tom Gott, Jason Crowell. Back Row: Bill Welter, Chris Kaleth, Aaron Ball, Kyle Turner, Chad Wiesjahn,

Mike Harvey, Jeremy Strauss, Coach Wayne Lichtenberger. The golf team consisted of four seniors, two juniors, one sophomore and one freshman, all were returning letterwinners except freshman Bill Welter, and transfer student Jeremy Strauss.

## Tossing up

Looking to stop the opponent from scoring, freshman varsity shortstop Kristie Boland hurls a ball toward home plate. Boland was a team leader in home runs, RBI's, and on-base percentage.



## Eye on the ball

Looking to smash one into the distance is freshman varsity player Missy Rucker. The varsity team had an overall record of 21-7 under fourth year coach Kathy Levandowski.



*"The strongest part of my pitching is the mental game."*

- Junior  
Stacey  
Hrabota

## GIRLS' SOFTBALL

	Varsity	JV
Plymouth	11-1	10-0
M.C. Rogers	10-0	10-9
Chesterton	2-1	0-10
Penn	12-2	6-12
Penn	12-10	10-16
Merrillville	0-1	1-11
Hobart	1-0	6-18
Portage	0-4	6-16
Lowell	1-2	12-10
Lowell	11-2	18-10
Griffith		1-19
LaPorte	6-0	20-1
Andean	10-0	
Viking Invitational	1-0	
M.C. Elston	9-7	
Wheeler		13-6
M.C. Rogers	18-0	11-17
Chesterton	2-0	7-6
Merrillville	3-4	3-16
Hammond Morton	2-18	
Hobart	6-4	Kain
Griffith		7-10
Portage	5-1	0-12
Crown Point	4-1	24-3
LaPorte	14-0	18-4
S.B. Riley	4-0	5-2
Elk. Mem.	1-0	
Sectional	15-5/3-2	
Regional	10-0/6-0	
Semi-State	6-7	

DAC 9-3 2-8  
OVERALL 21-7 9-12



**Girls' Varsity Softball Team**

Front Row: Leanne Sinclair, Kristie Boland, Jen Elliot, Tennille Drake, Middle Row: Danielle Shalapsik, Katie Brown,

Shannon Ferguson, Shannon Smith, Angie Fisher. Back Row: Head Coach Levandowski, Missy Rucker, Stacey Hrabota, Michele Brewer, Asst. Coach Claudia Geise



**Girls' Junior Varsity Softball Team**

Front Row: Lauren Garcia, JoAnne Caporale, Shannon Capron, Kelly Miner, Katie Thelen. Middle Row: Libby Friedline,

Dana Saxe, Brandi Quick, Stephanie Dick, Allison Kissinger. Back Row: Lindsey Ferguson, Keli Lanyi, Amber Franks, Kim Krawczyk, Erin Daly, Maria Hawkins, Coach Karen Hancock.

# Power drive

## Pastime has new meaning

Jessica Pacholke

Writer

A spring breeze, the sweet smell of a barbecue, and the All-American game, all are necessities for the perfect atmosphere.

Softball, the favorite American past time, is a game now that is gaining new respect.

The pre-season No. 5-ranked softball team finished their season with a 21-7 overall record and a 9-3 DAC record.

"Softball for us, has taken on a new meaning this year. Last year, we tasted state, and now we are quite determined," said fourth-year head coach Kathy Levandoski.

The team again won sectionals and regionals.

Even though the team performed well, many positions excelled over all competitions.

Junior Stacey Hrabota led the team through pitching. Her first appearances were no hitters, and she recorded three one-hitters by mid-season.

Hrabota feels that being men-

tally prepared for a game is key in her performances, and the biggest part of pitching.

"The strongest part of my pitching game is the mental game. I believe almost 90 percent of pitching is mental," Hrabota said.

Good defense also can be very important to a pitchers performance.

"This was a good year for me since I had a great defense to back me up," Hrabota said.

Ace Pitcher Award and MVP recipient, Hrabota was named Conference Co-MVP.

Senior Leanne Sinclair was one of the main contributors in hitting. Sinclair, who received the team's Batting Champ Award, was named to the All-Star and All-Conference teams.

"Leanne is a superb hitter. She has a great feel for the ball," said Levandoski.

Team spirit was a major factor in the success of the team, according to Coach Levandoski.

"In tough situations, the team really pulled together and came through. The spirit went beyond the field and it showed in the way we played," Levandoski said.

Junior varsity coach Karen Hancock was optimistic on the

performance of the JV program.

The team finished 9-12 overall and 2-8 in the DAC.

"We had a lot of experience with most of the returning sophomores," Hancock said.

According to Hancock, the team goal was to finish at or above .500. Last season, JV missed .500 by only one game.

"With the strong nucleus from last year, a season above .500 is a realistic goal," Hancock said.

A warm afternoon, a colorful sunset, with the favorite pastime, sets the scene for the perfect atmosphere for just about everyone.



Down the middle

Pitching ace Stacey Hrabota attempts to strike out her Plymouth opponent. The junior has won numerous titles and is one of the top pitchers in the state.



Reaction Time

Attempting to make a quick throw to first base for an out is sophomore Kelly Minor, a player on the junior varsity team. All home meets took place at Bicentennial Park.

Put it on the board

Members of the varsity team clear the bench to cheer on teammates. Team unity was essential for the softball team to succeed.







"We waited  
a long time  
for this  
season."  
Marc  
Williams

### Boys' Baseball

	Varsity	J.V.
Highland	6-4	6-7
Whiting	22-0	
Noel	4-5	
Highland		15-3/12-2
South Central	3-4	
Crown Point	4-3	
M.C. Rogers	3-1	2-8
Lowell		19-13
Chesterton	6-2	4-1
Lake Station		11-6/16-0
Merrillville	1-2	12-11
Hobart	0-1	8-5
Portage	4-3	7-0
Roosevelt	18-1	
LaPorte	5-0	5-17
M.C. Rogers	14-4	4-5
Chesterton	4-1	6-5
Merrillville	3-1	6-9
Munster		7-3/5-7
Hobart	9-2	6-3
Portage	9-4	10-12
Crown Point	10-11	9-6/5-1
LaPorte	0-4	1-3
J.V. Tourney		2-3
E.C. Central	11-1/5-0	
Highland	11-5	
Horseman	7-1/18-5	
Sectionals	7-2/2-1	
Regionals	2-4	

**DAC: 9-3 (2nd) 6-6**  
**Overall: 23-8 15-8**

### Sluggers

Taking a vicious cut at the pitch, senior four-year letterman Brad Bishop connects during a varsity game with Merrillville. Bishop received the Defensive Award and was selected for the Academic All-State Team.

### Freshman Baseball Team

Front Row: Chuck Watson, Josh Geise, David Lee, Garry Oswald, T.J. Hrabota (mgr.). Middle Row: Jason Linkimer, Chris Broton, Ben Furnas, Eric White, Jim Collins, Rob Thorngren. Back Row: Coach Steve Krutz, Alan Morrison, Pat Mullin, Mark Roscoe, Mark Turek, Matt Ryan, Pete Dirindin.



### Varsity Baseball Team

Front Row: Dave Hanson, Doug Hazelgrove, Marc Williams, Jason McDaniels, Shawn Nova, Rob Moses. Middle Row: Brad Bishop, Tony Kaeth, Jade West, Jim Crowell, Chad Tolson. Back Row: Head Coach Pat Murphy, Aaron Rasmussen, Nate McMillan, Jim Medley, Scott Anleightner, Assistant Coach Biff Geiss.

### Junior Varsity Baseball Team

Front Row: Mike Murphy, Ryan Knauff, Chuck Huff, Mark Gingrich, Bret Kutanaky, Josh Porch. Middle Row: Ben Wag-

ner, Ryan Erdelac, Chad Garrard, Tim Bishop, Joe Pollaro, Mike Martz. Back Row: Nate Prahlow (statistician), Tori Karpenko, Justin Schmidt, Paul Seamon, Jason Daly, Coach Todd Coffin.



# Viking pride

## Pitching leads to victory

John Sponberg

Writer

As a new sports season begins, some people look forward to just getting out and having fun. However, with last year's 17-10 record, the boys' varsity baseball team looked to improve that mark.

With an overall 20-win season in mind, this year's Vikings attained a final season total of 23-8 and a 9-3 DAC record which earned the team 2nd place.

"This year we hoped to win sectional and regional," said head varsity coach Pat Murphy.

After Sectionals, the Vikings lost Regionals to State Champ LaPorte.

According to Coach Murphy, and assistant varsity coach Biff Geiss, the team possessed the talent necessary to accomplish its goals.

The pitching squad, which midway through the season had an impressive combined earned run average of 1.48, was a key to the Vikings' success.

"(Seniors) Jim Crowell, Tony Kaleth, and (junior) Dave Hanson were all good pitchers for us this year," Murphy said.

Returning letterman agreed that this year the team had a lot of

potential.

"We really worked to win 20 games or more, and improve on what we did last year," said senior outfielder Marc Williams.

Honors this year went to Crowell, MVP; Brad Bishop, Defensive Award; Marc Williams, Offensive Award; and Kaleth, best E.R.A. Crowell, Hanson and Williams were All-Conference.

Big victories were against LaPorte, Chesterton, and Merrillville.

"The pitching came up big in a lot of games for us. We wouldn't have gotten where we did without the pitching," said Williams.

However, with every strength comes a weakness. According to Murphy, defensive errors and lapses were cited as a weak point. In a 2-1 loss against DAC foe Merrillville, the team committed two costly errors.

Although Coach Murphy reached for success with his team, he also said he enjoyed working with young people.

"I would just like to provide these guys with an enjoyable experience and show them that good things come out of hard work," said Murphy.

The junior varsity baseball team also worked for as much success as possible. Pitching, hitting, and

speed were cited as the main strengths of the j.v. squad, which finished with a record of 15-8.

"We wanted to win the DAC, but we just wanted to win every game we played one at a time and do the best we could with each game," said head j.v. coach Todd Coffin.

According to Coach Coffin, junior Paul Seamon, sophomore Tim Bishop, and sophomore Mark Gingrich were the team's leaders.

The freshman team compiled a record of 9-12, under the direction of second year coach, Steve Krutz. Team leaders were Alan Morrison, Pat Mullin, and Mark Roscoe. As each team worked for improvement, they also strove for success.



**Winding up**

Junior Mike Martz prepares to hurl the ball past a Highland batter. The Vikings beat the Trojans 8-7.



**On his toes**

While staying alert on defense, freshman Mark Roscoe holds on his South Central opponent. The freshman team ended its season with a 9-12 record.

**Come on down**

Junior varsity coach Todd Coffin waves home a runner to score as the rest of the team looks on. Coffin coached his team to a 6-6 DAC record, and 15-8 overall.

## Pass it on

Junior Katie Loft reaches behind her to grab the baton from teammate senior Laura Vahary during a seasonal relay. The girls practiced daily to improve their time to its best.

## Taking a breather

Cooling down after her race, sophomore Amy Gonzales is congratulated by sophomore Alyssa Swenson. Gonzales participated in the distance events.

## Young competitor

Freshman Trisha Kale strives to cross the finish line first during a meet against M.C. Rogers. Kale was a first-year member of the girls' track team.



## Working out the kinks

Members of the track team stretch before an important meet against Hobart. Warming up allowed for flexibility especially during cold weather.



"We had a strong season. My goal was to do as well as I could."

- senior  
Nikki  
Bishop



## GIRLS' TRACK

INDOOR	
Crown Point	W
Highland	W
OUTDOOR	
LaPorte	W
Merrillville	W
Hobart	W
M.C. Rogers	L
Portage	W
Lake Central	W
Highland Invite	2nd
Chesterton	W
Crown Point	W
DAC Meet	2nd
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	7th (Tie)

DAC 5-1  
OVERALL 10-1

## Up, up and away

Attempting to clear the high jump bar at a track meet is sophomore Heather Shirley. Practice was an important aspect of increasing jumping ability.



# Strength in balance

## Talent takes Vikes the distance

Aaron Vnuuk

Writer

When walking a tightrope, balance is important so as not to fall.

Likewise, to be competitive and contend for a Dunceland Athletic Conference title, a team must have balance with no weak spots.

The past season for the girls' track team had that balance, and although they did not win the conference title, they finished an impressive 10-1 overall and 5-1 in the DAC, taking 1st at Sectionals, and 7th at Regionals.

"I think we had good balance this year. We weren't really weak in any event, so I think that was our biggest strength," head coach

Ralph Iatarola said.

After placing second to Michigan City Rogers at the DAC meet for the past two seasons, the team goal was to win the DAC, according to Iatarola, but they were 2nd again.

With a large number of members returning from last year's team, the team overpowered all opponents except Rogers.

Senior Nikki Bishop led the team in the 800 meter run, 400, 100 hurdles, and the 1600 relay.

"I think that we had a strong season. My goal was to do as well as I could at state," Bishop said.

Also leading the team were seniors high jumper/shot putter Alana Hancock, shot putter Amy Meline, and hurdler/high jumper Laura Vahary. Junior sprinters Jen Ward and Katie Looft, and sophomore distance runner Amy

Gonzales, Track MVP, also helped.

The team's Most Valuable Runner award went to Bishop, while the Most Improved award went to Marthena Baker.

"We had a young team, and overall our kids performed well. The team was a nice bunch of kids to work with and I think they did well this year," Iatarola said. ♦



Ready, aim, fire

Putting the shot during a Merrillville meet is Amy Meline. Field events contributed to many of the team's wins.



Girl's Track Team

Front Row: Jen Ward, Sarah Gudino, Karen Sausman, Jamie Jeppeson, Anna Gratz, Tammy Kehe, Kim Powell, Leslie Rea, Shannon Corkwell, Amy Lashbrook, Kim Sturgell. Second Row: Jodi Mroz, Jen Lute, Kelly Lawhead, Karin Phillips, Tricia Koohl, Kim Sing, Kelly Bickel, Amy Bickel, Jesse Lester, Emily Evans, Alyssa Swen-

son. Third Row: Jami Eisenmenger, Camri Byham, Amanda Mackanos, Dina Lozano, Shannon Whisler, Katie Looft, Natalie Busnelli. Fourth Row: Molly Erman, Laura Vahary, Kim Porpalboon, Carolyn Nobles, Karen Mantel, Angie Vereb, Julie Edwards, Jenny Garrard, Mandy Imre, Stephanie Switzer, Anita Talevsky, Allison Seward, Heather Shirey, Angie Grandys, Allison Scuderi. Fifth Row: Jane

Barbknecht, Kim Kuehl, Chelsea Hollis, Jen Dennin, Jen Hersemann, Kim Westlake, Melissa Fitzgerald, Amy Meline, Jessica Freitag, Kelly Yagelski, coach Molly Joll, coach Karen DeVries. Back Row: Amy Gonzales, Laura Bowers, Christine Phillips, Nikki Bishop, Beth Goldman, Jill Petcu, Megan Clifford, Amy Geruska, Sarah Hites, Tori Kadish, Jen Carlberg, head coach Ralph Iatarola.

# Large numbers

## 100-member team confident

Amy Zelaya

### Writer

In most wardrobes, there are a variety of clothes one must put together to make an outfit. To make this outfit stylish, coordinating socks, shirts, and pants are needed.

The boys' track team was a completely fitted outfit ranked the highest in history as #2. The team ex-

celled in a variety of events due to personal goals.

"I enjoy setting goals for myself and attaining them to help benefit the team," senior Kevin Hites

said.

The stability of the 100 member team was attributed to senior leadership and talented upperclassmen. Because of each individual's goal, the team finished 58-2 overall and 6-0 in the DAC.

"Our team was the largest track team in the state. Everybody envied how we were able to compete in each event with excellence," said head coach of six years, Mark Hoffman.

"Our team is very confident in our performances. We are setting personal bests early in the season and we will do well all season," junior Josh Murphy said.

Some essential items to the assemble included the high jump, the long jump, distance, sprints, hurdles, shot and disc, and relays.

The senior leadership consisted of Jim Rose and Drew Tursman at hurdles, Mike Keene at shot and disc, Kevin Hites at the long jump, Mike Synowiec at sprints, Rob

Mathes at distance, John Martin at high jump, and Mike Finley ran in relays.

Although the team appeared dominant, they still faced competition.

"The toughest competition in the conference was Chesterton and in the area it was Gary Roosevelt and Gary Westside," Hoffman said.

The pre-season record of the track team was second in state. That was the highest ranking for the boys' track team in history.

Though the ranking was high, the boys did not feel pressure to live up to the title.

"We won't feel pressure until we're number one," senior Mike Synowiec said.

"The team was very promising and should improve on last year's finish which was 27th at the state," sophomore Aaron Pierson said.

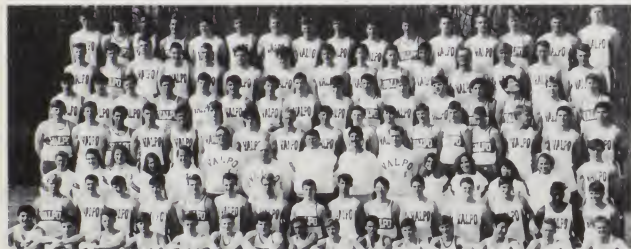
"Last year's success upgraded the level of competition and gave confidence to the boys," Hoffman said. ♦



Power shot

As one of the top athletes on shot and disc, senior Mike Keene goes for the distance. Many track members work hard to keep fit for their tasks.

senior Kevin Hites



Boys' Track Team

Front Row: F. Safadi, M. Veal, J. Dennington, T. Hughes, J. Carr, T. Bollhorst, K. Miller, C. Simstad, K. Baer, M. Rickman, J. Drever, B. Kim, N. Smurdon, M. Jones. Second Row: D. Lawson, J. Getse, S. Putman, T. Booth, J. Cruikshank, S. Sheely, P. Sattler, R. Bruce, T. Burke, J. Mackenzie, M. Hautzel, C. Dekoster, J. Shurr, T. Sessions, C. Finley. Third Row: J. Rozins-

ki, C. Duleis, D. Deu, L. Ropel, H. Watson, Coach D. Jones, Coach R. Renn Head Coach Mark Hoffman, Coach M. Prow. Coach K. Wallace, C. Dedrick, M. Fredrick, S. Svetoff, C. Hicks, C. McChristian. Fourth Row: E. Hussey, T. Crissman, R. Burns, D. Kush, A. Lute, D. Tursman, C. Zulich, S. Dunne, A. Swanson, N. Bilunas, C. Deal, J. Porch, B. Tullis, D. Wilkin, A. Pierson, T. Kostelnik, M. Monclovich. Fifth Row: S. Allie, J. Harrington, J. McChristian, J. Ziegert, D. Brown, M. Finley, D.

Tursman, K. Uher, E. Pearson, B. Hewlett, G. Bollhorst, R. Perkins, T. Cerda, E. Kim, J. Reuter, J. West. Sixth Row: K. Hites, B. Quinn, R. Fry, A. Witkowski, J. Rose, M. Keene, C. Masser, M. Synowiec, B. Norris, B. Holterhoff, A. Almus, B. Lozanowski, J. Lockard, R. Mathes, P. Szotek. Back Row: N. MolenGraft, E. Brown, J. Craig, J. Gent, C. Brietich, M. Kwiatkowski, N. Findling, J. Martin, J. Murphy, J. Ashbaugh, T. Carpenter, M. Stark, B. Mahns, C. Somers, G. Rossinski.







### Pass it along

Turning over the responsibility to senior Drew Tursman is senior Mike Synowicz as they compete in a relay race. Senior leadership is important in track because it makes the team strong at competition and prepares upperclassmen for the future.



*"I enjoy setting goals and attaining them for the team,"*

- senior  
Kevin Hites

### BOYS' TRACK

Lowell	W
E.C. Central	W
Valpo Invitational	1st
Hebron	W
Lake Central	W
LaPorte	W
Merrillville	W
Hobart	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Portage	W
Chesterton Relays	1st
Gary Roosevelt Invt.	1st
Chesterton	W
Valpo Relays	1st
DAC Meet	W
Sectional	W
Regional	L

DAC 6-0

Overall 58-2



### Ready for action

Anxiously awaiting the sound of the starting gun are team members running for distance along with their Merrillville teammates. The boys' track team included 100 members, which made it the largest in the state.

### Liftoff

Sophomore Aaron Almus works to defy the laws of gravity as he competes in the long jump competition. Track offered a variety of events to participate in, which satisfied the team member's interests and abilities.

# Exploring Our Opportunities ...in People Differences

Andrea Caporale

Editor-in-Chief

Even though people are from all different walks of life, cultures, and religions, they share common ground. However, no matter how great the differences between people, others accept one another for their individuality.

In a growing community and school, students were able to enrich their lives through the benefits that were offered in a variety of environments.

While some students wanted to prepare themselves for college by sacrificing their time to study, and others participated in club or athletic activities to further develop their talents, or to release tension and stress.

Whether at lunch or at a semi-formal dance, students found the opportunity to visit with friends, socialize, and to express themselves.

A student may experience many trials and tribulations throughout his life; however, only a few will be recorded as successes, which emphasized the fact that we were EXPLORING OUR OPPORTUNITIES. ♦

## Open for inspection

Digging for his books, freshman Jamal Cotton, displays the inner decor of his multi-duty storage facility. Many students used pictures and other items to dress-up their lockers that stored everything from books to barrettes.





#### Telephone time

During the lunch hour, freshmen Natalie Demaree and Don Duvall wait for freshman Jonathan Ziegart to finish his phone call. Public telephones were available in the commons and fieldhouse lobby for student use.

#### Dual effort

Helping each other are junior Katie Allen and senior Tim Thurnes at a SADD meeting. School organizations gave students the chance to associate with other people, who shared common interests.



#### A solemn moment

While waiting after school, sophomore Joe Eckert finds a comfortable spot on a fieldhouse lobby garbage can. Eckert was one of many students involved in extra-curricular activities.

#### Latest word

Noteworthy events are discussed by senior Heather Autenrieth and junior Jennifer Paulauski. Notes were commonly a way for students to relay messages during a busy school day.



#### Interaction

Valparaiso graduate Dan Jones, juniors Amy Boldyn and Julie Neeley socialize during the Christmas Dance, which took place December 14.

# **WENDE JOY AARDEMA**

TARICE IHAM ARDO — DECA 2, model U.N. 4, quiz bowl 3, weightlifting 3-4, baseball 1, football 1, intramural basketball 3-4, intramural volleyball 3-4.

KAREN ANN ACRES — football mgr. 1-2, wrestling mgr. 1, powder puff 2-3.

STACY MARIE ADAM — choir 1, drama 1-4 (sec.3), FEC 1-4 (sec. 4), natural helper 3, Viking Press 3-4 (sec. 3), (managing editor 4).

TOBY LEE ALLEN

CATHERINE MARIE ANDERSON — band 1-4, jazz ensemble 1-3, natural helper 4, softball 1-2, cross country 4, track 4, wrestling mgr. 1, football mgr. 1-2, powder puff 2-3.

JOHN I. ANDERSON

JASON P. ANDREW

ALLISON HEATHER ANDROSKAUT — band 1-4 (point chairman 4), FEC 2-4, French 4, v-teens 1, aerobics 1-2.

JASON P. ANNEN

JAMIE RENEE ANSELM — natural helper 4, basketball 1-4, volleyball 2-4, powder puff 2-4.

KJERSTEN E. ATTA

JENNIFER DAY ATWOOD — SADD 1, powder puff 4.

CHRISTOPHER AUGUST — basketball 4, football 4.

EDWARD AUTEN JR.

HEATHER JO AUERBRIETH — choir 1-4.

ERIC MICHAEL BAIRD — choir 4, student aide 4.

KIMBERLY JEAN BAKER — DECA 3, basketball 1, track 1.

CHRISTINE A. BALENTINE — band 1-4, FCA 2-3, FEC 1-4, German 1-4, SADD 4, student council 4, track 2, volleyball 4.

AARON M. BALL

BETHANY KERITH BALON — drama 1-4 (senior class representative 4), natural helper 3 (reader 3), art 1-3 (v-pres., pres.).

CHRISTINE ANNE BASSFORD — swimming 1-4 (capt. 4), track 1-2, 4, intramural tennis 4.

KYAN SCOTT BEAVERSON — natural helper 4, soccer 1-2 (captain 2), basketball 2, intramural volleyball 3, intramural basketball 3.

JENNIFER MARIE BECERRA — choir 4, HOPE 3.

NICOLE ANN BEEREND

KRISTANA LOUISE BRIDLER — band 1-3, quiz bowl 3, track 3, art club 2-3 (president 3), FHA 3.

MICHAEL BELTRAN — intramural basketball 4.

ELIZABETH KAT BELTZ — academic super bowl 1, 3-4, model U.N. 4, speech team 2-4.

DEANNE M. BENJAMIN — student council 4, V-teens 4, intramural volleyball 1, 3-4, basketball 4, aerobics 2.

ANGELINA MARIE BERNARD — domestic exchange 3, FEC 3, natural helper 4, SADD 3, v-teens 4, intramural basketball 4, intramural volleyball 2-4, intramural aerobics 1-2, football mgr. 1-2.

ERIC FREDERICK BERNER — band 1-4, choir 4, drama 4, FEC 1-2, jazz ensemble 2-3, football 4.

JACOB DAVID BESTERMAN — academic decathlon 4, choir 1-4, earth awareness 3, varsity singers 1-4.

REBECCA SUE BETJEMANN — class officer 3-4 (jr. class v-pres., sr. class pres.), FEC 1-4, spirit club 1-3, student council 2-4 (representative), V-teens 4, NHS 3-4 (v-pres.).

BRAD PARKER BISHOP — weightlifting 1-4, football 1-4, basketball 1-4, basketball 1-2, NHS 3-4.

NICOLE KRISTINA BISHOP — choir 1-4, volleyball 3-4, basketball 3-4, track 1-4.

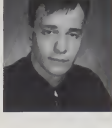
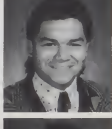
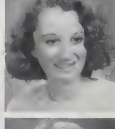
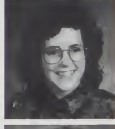
MARE NOLAN BLACKMAN — band 1-4, FEC 1-3, German 1-3, jazz ensemble 1-3, natural helper 4, soccer 1-4, speech team 2.

DANNY D. BLAGOJEVICH

MEGAN GALE BLAKLEY — FEC 1-3, wrestling mgr. 1-4, intramural volleyball 1-4.

DANIEL E. BLANDO

LYMAN THORELL BOND





PATRICIA G. BONTRAGER  
CHRISTINE J. BOWMAN  
SARAH E. BOWMAN  
DEANN LYNN BRADLEY — DECA 3, FEC 1.  
CATHERINE ANN BRANDT — FEC 3, natural helper 3-4, gymnastics 1-3, intramural volleyball 3-4.

KIMBERLY J. BRENNAN — band 1, cheerleading 1-3, FEC 3-4, French 4, natural helper 4, SADD 1, spirit club 1-3, Viers 2, Valedictorian 4, clubs co-editor.  
AMY ROSE BRETTIS — band 1-4, spirit club 3-4, track 1-3.  
CATHERINE E. BROWN — softball 2-4, intramural basketball 2.  
COLLEEN ELIZABETH BROWN — DECA 3 (chairperson), math awareness 1, SADD 2.  
CRYSTAL JOY BROWN — band 1.

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## eadership

### Officers seek variety

Amy Zelaya

Writer

Just as leadership in our country is represented by the president and members of the Cabinet, leadership at high school level was shown by the four class officers.

The senior class officers felt they were strong leaders for their Class of '92.

"My goal this year was to get a lot of people involved in class activities, and to have class unity and spirit when we did those activities," president Rebecca Betjemann said.

The class officers were responsible for organizing their class involvement in the Homecoming parade, powder puff, class games, spirit week, class shirts, the class float, Jar Wars, and the bonfire.

"Each year each class tries to be unique and different. Our job is to find a nice way to show off the uniqueness and diversity of the senior class," secretary Hashi Nagubadi said.

Preparation for graduation includes organizing the Baccalaureate, Commencement, the senior dinner, and the senior party.

"Our biggest project is graduation, and that will take a lot of work, but it will be worth it,"

said vice-president Alison Largura.

Even though they worked together like the members of the Cabinet, each officer had an individual responsibility.

"As secretary, my job is to take notes, and keep minutes of any meetings we have," Nagubadi said.

According to Gina Massuda, treasurer, the officers also had to attend the Student Council meetings and participate in its activities.

The president and the Cabinet members work with each other to lead our country. Likewise, the class officers worked together to lead and represent their goals for the senior class.



#### Viking spirit

As part of the homecoming festivities, the senior class entered a float "Snowball the Pirates" in the homecoming parade. Seniors Jason McLane, Drew Tursman, Kevin Elchhorn, and Todd Grennes show their school spirit by dressing up as Vikings and in the school colors.

#### Senior Class Officers

Leading the class of 1992 are officers Rebecca Betjemann, president; Hashi Nagubadi, secretary; Gina Massuda, treasurer. Not pictured is Alison Largura, vice president.



# Moving Ahead

## Freshman flashback

John Sponberg

### Writer

While walking in fear of what the next corner may hold for a freshman, the senior stands waiting anxiously for the next freshman who dares to step into his domain.

Throughout the course of four years, a student can travel from the lowly status as a freshman to the glory of being a senior.

However, for those seniors who venture on to college, they must once again endure the role of the prey in the epic senior-freshman struggle.

Although this stereotypical image remains present in the mind of every student, many seniors said they were not worried about the adjustment

from high school to college. Many students felt that the transition was going to be simple, since they thought everyone mixed well with each other.

"Most of the time you can't really tell what class you're in. I guess you just kind of blend in. I don't think it really matters anyway," junior Ian Swope said.

While some seniors felt they could handle the change to college without much difficulty, others felt differently.

Senior Tricia Cummings said, "Going to college will be pretty exciting. I suppose I'll feel a little bit stupid because of the freshman label, but I'm more worried about learning my way around the campus and meeting new people."

Many students making the freshman-senior change next year have a lot to think about, including what danger lurks around the corner. ♦



### Planning the future

Anticipating her post-graduation years, senior Misty Gray looks through several college books in the guidance office to determine costs and requirements.

### Purdue prospect

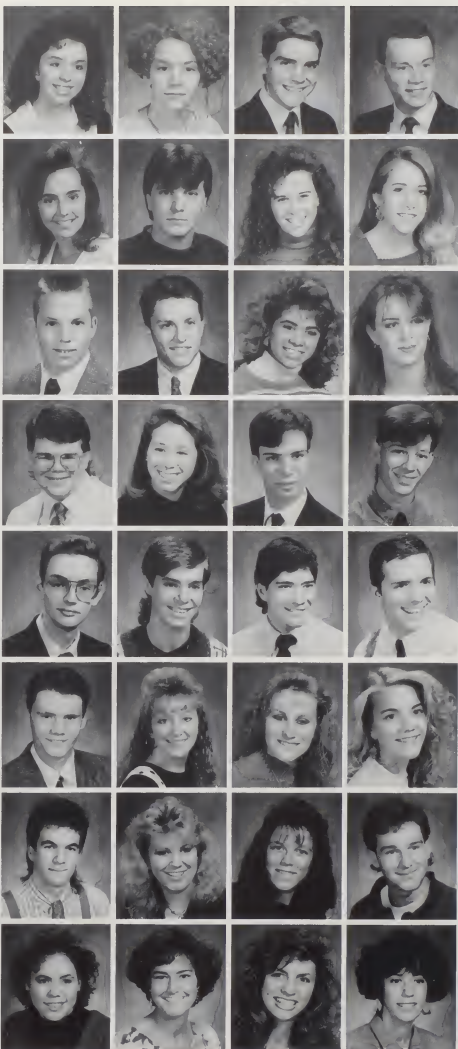
After selecting the college they will attend, many seniors, including Tricia Dold, showed their new-found college spirit.



**PAUL R. BROWN** — academic decathlon 4, band 1-2, choir 2-3, officer 1, drama 2-4, FEC 3-4 (executive board 4), French 4, jazz ensemble 1-2, SADD 3-4.  
**WENDI MARIE BROWN** — FEC 2-3, natural helpers 3, SADD 1-3.  
**CHRISTOPHER A. BUCHANAN** — SADD 3-4, weightlifting 3-4, football 3-4, track 3-4, intramural basketball 2-4, intramural volleyball 3-4.  
**LEANN MICHELLE BURDEN** — choir 1-4.  
**JEN BURGESSON** — DECA 3-4, FEC 1.

**HEIDI L. BURK** — choir 1-4 (sec.), DECA 3-4 (pres.), natural helper 4, SADD 1-4, V-secs 1-4, variety singers 4, volleyball 1-2, softball 1-2, speech & debate 4.  
**NATALIE MARIE BURLESON** — class officer (sec. 1, v-pres. 2, sec. 3), FEC 1-4 (executive board), natural helper 3, SADD 1, student council 1-3, SP5 2, V-secs 1-4 (sec. 2).  
**STEPHANIE RENEE BURLESON** — class officer 2, drama 1-2, FEC 1-3 (executive board), student council 1-3, V-secs (chairman 2).  
**ERIC ANTHONY BURNS** — football 1, wrestling 3.  
**NATALIA ANDREA BUSNELLI** — FEC 4.





**DEENA C. BUTTERFIELD** — choir 1-4, drama 4, FEC 1-3, natural helper 4, SADD 1-2, V-tens 1-2, V-tettes 2-4 (squad leader), variety singer 4, intramural volleyball 3-4, **KRISTIAN ELIZABETH BUTTLES** — art 2-3 (reas.), **TOKEN C. BYVOETS** — earth awareness 4, football 1, intramural 2-4, intramural skiing 1-3, intramural volleyball 3-4, intramural softball 3, **THOMAS EDWARD CALLOWAY** — academic decathlon 4, earth awareness 2 (pres.), FEC 1-4 (pres.), 4, German 2-4 (pres.), orchestra 1-4, SPS 4, wrestling 1, intramural basketball 3-4, spell bowl 4.

**ANDREA MARIE CAPORALE** — Valerian 2-4 (asst.), clubs editor 2, album editor 3, editor-in-chief 4, softball 1-3, Quilt & Scroll 3-4, SPS 4, **WILLIAM W. CARTER**, **RORY ELIZABETH CAVANAUGH** — cheerleading 2-4, V-tens 4, basketball 1, intramural aerobics 3-4, intramural basketball 3-4, intramural volleyball 3-4, **BETH ANNE CHARBONNEAU** — choir 1-2, SADD 4.

**ERIC CHRISTOPHER CHARLSON** — SADD 2-4, intramural bowling 2-4, intramural basketball 3-4, **ARTHUR ALAN CHOATE** — earth awareness 4, natural helper 3-4, weightlifting 1-4, football 1-3, diving 2-4 (capt.), soccer 1-4, **JODI LYNN CLARY** — cheerleading 3-4, natural helper 4, SADD 1-3, spin 3-4, V-tens 4, intramural aerobics 2-4, **CHERYL J. CLEMENS**

**DAVID S. CLEMENS**, **KARA LYNN CONELLÉ** — cheerleading 1-3, FEC 2-4 (executive board 4), model U.N. 3-4, natural helper 4, SADD 1-4, spirit 1-3, Valerian 3-4 (album editor 3, faculty editor 4), tennis 1-4, Quilt & Scroll 3-4, NHS 4, **JARON ANTHONY COPELAND** — class officer 2-3 (pres. 2-3), German 4, model U.N. 3-4, student council 1-4 (pres. 4), SPS 2, track 1-3, intramural basketball 3-4, intramural volleyball 4, **CHAD LEE CORLEY** — weightlifting 1-3, track 1-3, intramural volleyball 4, art club 3.

**TODD ALLEN COGROVE**, **MIKE R. COTTRELL** — gaming club 1-4 (reas. 2-3, pres. 4), quiz bowl 3, swimming 2, baseball 2, football 4, spell bowl 3, science olympiad 4, **WILLIAM J. COX** — football 2, intramural skiing 1, **BRIAN MATTHEW CRISMAN** — earth awareness 2-4, track 1, volleyball 3-4, science olympiad 4, student trainer 3-4.

**JIM E. CROWELL** — weightlifting 1-4, basketball 1-4, cross country 1-4, track 1, baseball 2-4, **KIMBERLEY ANN CRUTKSHAW** — band 1, Valerian 4, NHS 3-4, **VIOLA MAY CRUM** — choir 1-3, DECA 3-4, **TRICIA EMIN CUMMINGS** — earth awareness 2-4, FEC 1-4, SADD 4, spirit 1-4 (chair), V-tens 1, V-tettes 1-2, intramural aerobics 2-4.

**JEFF DAVID DALY** — drama 4, gaming 1-2, **JONATHAN WARREN DALY** — DECA 3-4, soccer 1, intramural basketball 4, **TRESA JERALYN DANIELS** — student aide 2-4, **JULET C. DAVIS**, **GREG DEERBERG** — industrial tech 4, baseball 1.

**TIATA LEE DERR** — DECA 3-4, **SUZANNE MARIE DEUBERRY** — choir 1-2, **SUZANNE MARIE DICK** — French 4, natural helper 4, SADD 1-4, student council 4, SPS 4 (pres.), V-tens 4, V-tettes 1-4 (squad leader), intramural volleyball 1-4, **ANGELA Z. DJUROVIC** — DECA 3, SADD 2-3, spirit 3-4, track 2, intramural volleyball 2-4, **AMY JILL DOBBS** — band 2, spirit club 3-4, Valerian 4 (academic editor), intramural aerobics 4.

**TRICIA ANN DOLD** — FCA 3-4, SADD 1, swimming 1-4.  
**JASON S. DOMAZET** — drama 2-3, FEC 3-4, SADD 2-4.  
**TIMOTHY J. DONLIN**  
**ANDREW D. DOOLITTLE**  
**JILL ELLYN DOPPLER** — FEC 2-3, natural helper 4,  
 SADD 1-4, spirit 2-4, vikettes 1-4 (squad leader 3-4),  
 wrestling mgr. 2, intramural acrobats 2-4, intramural volleyball 3-4.

**KARA JANE DOYLE** — DECA 3-4 (treas.), spirit 1-2,  
 student council 1 (v-pres.), intramural volleyball 1-3, intramural soccer 2-4, football (mgr. 1-2).  
**LISA MARIE DRAHOTA** — drama 1, SADD 1-4, track 2-3.  
**KATHLEEN EMMA EGAN** — academic super bowl 2-4, FEC 1-4 (historian 4), German 1-4 (pres. 4), quiz bowl 3-4, speech and debate 2-4.  
**ROB KENT EALY** — choir 4, drama 4, German 2, SADD 2, varsity singers 4, wrestling 3-4, intramural volleyball 3-4.  
**MELISSA MARIE EHRENBERG** — drama 1-4 (treasurer 3), FEC 1-4, French 4, SADD 3-4, v-teens 2-4 (sec. 4, treas. 3), viking press 4, NHS 3-4.

**KEVIN JON EICHORN** — academic super bowl 2-4, band 1-4, FEC 2, German 3-4, jazz ensemble 1-4, model UN 4, tennis 2-3, intramural tennis 1, intramural volleyball 3-4.  
**KIMBERLY LOUISE ELLIOT** — SADD 1, spirit 3, weightlifting 3-4, intramural soccer 1-3.  
**MARC RAY EMIGH** — earth awareness 2, German 3, math team 2-3, natural helper 3, quiz bowl 1, SADD 3-4, student council 1.  
**KAREN LYNN EMMART** — DECA 3-4, French 1.  
**DAELYN ERIKS**

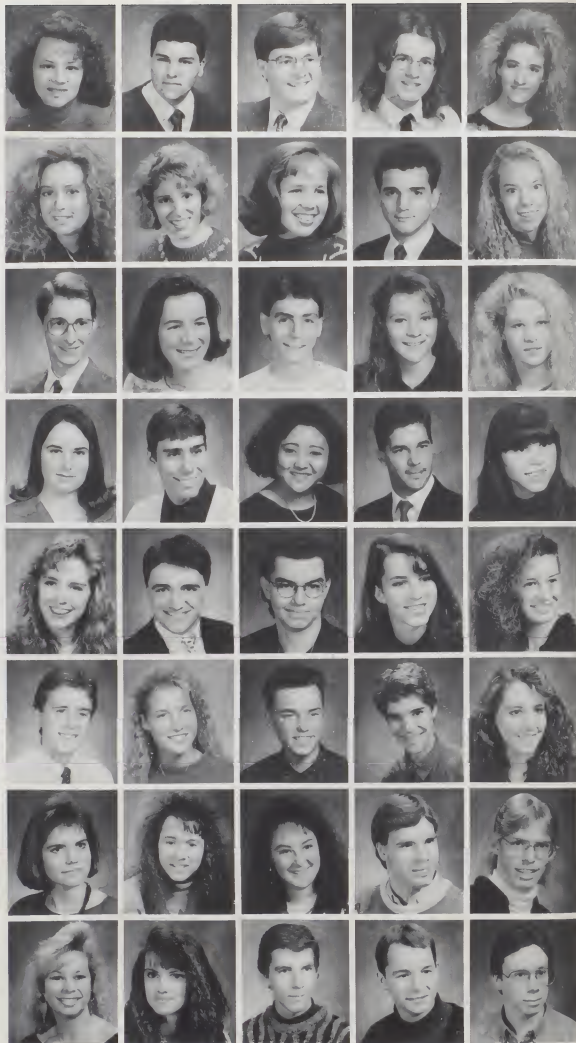
**ELIZABETH ESOLA** — band 1-4, drama 1, FEC 1-4, SADD 3-4, intramural tennis 1.  
**DAVID GLEN EWER** — diving 1, 3-4, intramural basketball 1-4.  
**MOLLY FAGAN** — academic super bowl 4, band 1-4, earth awareness 4, FCA 2, FEC 1-4 (senior board 4), German 1-4, SADD 1-2, volleyball 1-2, track 2-4, intramural volleyball 3-4, basketball 1 (mgr.).  
**JASON P. FETLA** — industrial tech 1-4, VICA 3-4.  
**RACHEL L. FIEDLER**

**ERIKA LIND FICOLAH** — choir 4, drama 1-2, FEC 1-4, French 4, orchestra 1-3, v-teens 2, viking press 4, cross country 1.  
**MICHAEL JOSEPH FINLEY** — FCA 1-4, SADD 1-4, student council 1-2, weightlifting 1-4, football 1-4, basketball 1-4, baseball 1-2, track 3-4, intramural volleyball 1-4.  
**BRYAN VINCENT FLITTER** — gaming 1-2 (sec.).  
**BRIDGET BETHANY FLORY** — band 1-4, earth awareness 1-2, FEC 1-2, natural helper 3, v-teens 1-3, studio band 1-3.  
**SHAMARA DONNEL FOREMAN** — FEC 2, German 1, SADD 1-2, v-teens 3-4, vikettes 3.

**RYAN CLINTON FRANK** — band 1-4, French 4, jazz ensemble 2-4, basketball 1-2, basketball 1, intramural basketball 1-4, speech 3-4, NHS 3-4.  
**LOUISE KATHLEEN FURLIN** — natural helper 3, spirit 1-2, student council 3-4, basketball 1-4, track 1-2, intramural volleyball 1-2, intramural tennis 2.  
**JOEL DONAL GAY** — German 3-4.  
**BRIAN KEITH GERSTENBERGER** — band 1-3, choir 3-4, drama 1-4, SADD 2-4, varsity singers 3-4 (v-pres.), intramural volleyball 3-4, studio band 1, speech team 2.  
**REBECCA GIBSON** — band 1-3, track 1-3.

**LISA DIANE GIERSE** — choir 1-4, FEC 2-3, spirit 2-3, valedictorian 2-3, volleyball 1-4 (co-capt. 4), intramural volleyball 4, national honor society 3-4, quill and scroll 2-3.  
**KELLY MAXINE GIESLER** — DECA 3, model UN 3, SADD 1.  
**RONI BETH GOLD** — SADD 2-4, v-teens 3-4, tennis 1-4, intramural volleyball 2, intramural tennis 3.  
**JAMIE EARL GOLLINGS** — science olympiad 4.  
**JONATHAN GOODRICH**

**LEANNA JEANNE GRAHAM** — choir 1, SADD 1, future homebuilders of America 2-3, art 2-3.  
**MELISSA LYNN GRAY** — band 1-4, natural helper 4, swimming 3, HOPE 3.  
**KEN D. GRICICH** — choir 1-4 (v-pres. 1, pres. 2-4), drama 3-4, natural helper 4, varsity singers 1-4 (pres. 3-4).  
**TODD MICHAEL GRENNE** — FEC 4, basketball 1-2, baseball 2, intramural basketball 3-4, intramural volleyball 4.  
**BRIAN MATTHEW GRIFFITH** — academic decathlon 4, German 4.





# P SAT scores qualify

## Finalists receive aid

Kara Conkle

Writer

A meal is almost always made better with a scoop of ice cream for dessert. While most seniors felt receiving a diploma was their dish of vanilla soft serve, NMSC (National Merit Scholarship Corporation) semi-finalists and finalists worked hard to add whipped cream and chocolate sauce to their dessert, making graduation something special.

Out of the 15,000 NMSC semi-finalists chosen nationwide, eight VHS students were selected based on their PSAT scores from their junior year. The semi-finalists were Kevin Eichhorn, Jennifer Hewlett, Jeffrey Kosman, Linda Lee, Ryan Malayer, Dana Moore, Nicole Sunkel, and Sean Swenson.

In order to qualify as a finalist, semi-finalists had to complete an application which included an essay, a recommendation, and information on their high school

performances.

All eight semi-finalists qualified to be finalists. Several finalists recognized the advantages.

"I received a full-ride scholarship to the University of Houston for being a finalist," senior Jennifer Hewlett.

"If you're a finalist, smaller schools tend to give you a lot of money, but big, prestigious schools don't really care very much," senior Kevin Eichhorn said.

Ryan Malayer, who plans to major in physics or medicine, also cited definite advantages to the recognition.

"Being a finalist may enable me to receive scholarship money to study at Duke or Stanford."

"High academic achievements lose their thrill after a while. An award like this is very gratifying to me as a recognition of many years of sacrifice and dedication," senior Jeffrey Kosman said.

Some students were satisfied with the ordinary dessert of a diploma, but NMSC finalists found that extra work gives extra reward. ♦



### Extra rewards

Before marking her answer sheet, junior Amy Newell studies a PSAT question. Eight seniors were selected as National Merit Scholarship finalists based on their junior PSAT scores.

### National Merit Scholarship

Finalists — Back Row: Ryan Malayer, Kevin Eichhorn, Sean Swenson, Jeff Kosman. Front Row: Dana Moore, Nicole Sunkel, Jennifer Hewlett, Linda Lee.



# Health conscious

## Habits help fitness

Bret Kutansky

Writer

Eat right. Exercise three times a week. Lower your cholesterol. In today's society, health has become a top priority, and more and more teenagers have become health conscious.

Students' lives were often busy, and taking care of their bodies was often a difficult task to accomplish.

"I try to be health conscious and sometimes I'll really be for a couple of weeks, but then I'll forget or just not find the time to concentrate on my health," senior Melissa Ehrenberg said.

For other students, it was a big part of their lives. "I've always watched what I've eat, and taken care of my physical appearance," senior Tessa Olson said.

One of the keys to good health is eating right, but with all the junk food tempting students, eating right was often a

challenge.

"From time to time I'm on a health food kick or diet, but mostly I don't pay much attention to what I eat," Ehrenberg said.

Exercising is also an essential part of keeping fit, but after a grueling day at school, finding the motivation to work out was difficult.

Senior Steve Price made time in a busy schedule to work out at the YMCA.

"You only get one body so you might as well take care of it," he said.

Besides the physical benefits of exercising, mental attitude and self esteem also changed. Feeling better about themselves helped students cope with everyday stress.

"With the added stress of today's society, I think it's important to be healthy so you can take it on," senior Drew Tursmand said.

In the bump and grind of everyday high school life, being health conscious helped many students to stretch their limits.



**MELISSA LEA GUILLAUM** — SADD 2-3, student council 2-3.  
**DEVASHEREE GUPTA** — German 2-4 (hist.), model U.N. 1, orchestra 1-4 (sec.), SFS 3, speech and debate 1-4, (pres. 4).  
**TIMOTHY PAUL HAINES**  
**HANNAH HAMMOND-HAGMAN** — drama 1-4, FEC 1-4 (frames 2).  
**SOPHIE HAMMOND-HAGMAN**

**ALANA KRISTIN HANCOCK** — FCA 1-4, FEC 1-2, volleyball 1-4, basketball 1-4, softball 1-4, intramural volleyball 4.  
**DON WALTER HAND** — weightlifting 1, track 1-4.  
**STACI S. HANNA** — FEC 1-4, French 4, SADD 1, 3-4.  
**SCOTT MILLER HANSEN** — tennis 1-3, intramural basketball 3-4, intramural bowling.  
**MICHAEL D. HARPER**

**KURT HARTMAN** — model U.N. 4, natural helper 4, weightlifting 2-4, track 1-3, art club 3.  
**MICHAEL J. HARVEY** — natural helpers 3-4, football 1, golf 1-4, intramural volleyball 3-4, intramural basketball 3-4.  
**ANDREA RAE HASLER** — band 1-2, math team 1-2, natural helper 4, orchestra 2-4 (pres.), swimming 1-4, softball 1-3.  
**MARTIN JENS HAUZZEL** — FEC 4, French 4, intramural tennis, intramural basketball.  
**KARNA MARIE HAZEN** — choir 2-4 (v-pres.), drama 3-4, natural helper 3-4, SADD 2-3, weightlifting 2, varsity singers 3-4 (pres.).



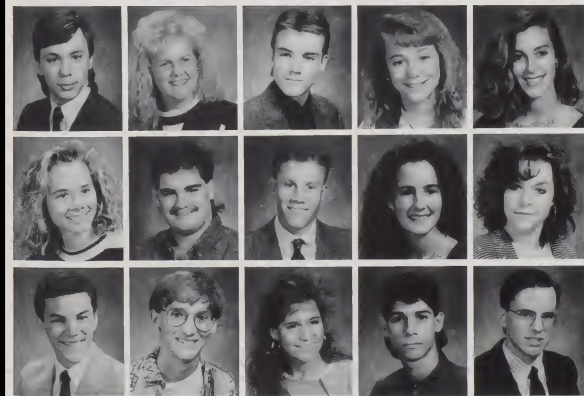


### Good and good for you

Junior Amber Hawkins takes advantage of Friday's salad bar offering in the ala carte line at lunch. The salad bar offered healthy entree choices.

### Food for thought

During the Mardi Gras celebration, senior Allison Androskaut resorts to a healthy snack. Many students chose to follow a healthier diet.



**JEFFREY PATRICK HEINZE** — natural helpers 3-4, weightlifting 1-4, football 1-3, track 1-3, wrestling 1.  
**KRISTA RENEE HENSEL** — DECA 3-4 (sec.), SADD 1-4, basketball 1-3, track 1-3, intramural volleyball 1-4, intramural skiing 1, powder puff football 1-3.  
**CRAIG G. HERHOLZER**  
**ROXANNE M. HERMA** — DECA 3-4 (treas.), drama 1, vieneses 1-2, intramural basketball 3.  
**JENNIFER DIANE HEWLETT** — academic super bowl 4, band 1-4 (p-pres. 4), drama 1-4, FEC 2-3, German 4, varsity singers 3, basketball 1, track 3, golf 3-4.

**CRYSTAL LYNN HICKS** — cross country 1-4 (capt. 2), track 1-3, Homecoming court 4.  
**MATTHEW JAMES HIGHLAN** — wrestling 3-4.  
**KEVIN TERRY HITES** — FCA 3-4 (p-pres.), natural helpers 3, weightlifting 1-4, baseball 1-2, football 1-4, basketball 1-4, NHS 3-4.  
**SABBA DEANNE HITZ** — cross country 3, track 1-3.  
**HAPPY LYNN HOLMES** — choir 1-4, drama 1-4, varsity singers 2-4.

**RYAN EVAN HOLT** — natural helper 4, student council 4, weightlifting 3-4.  
**SCOTT ALAN HORNBEAK** — earth awareness 4, SADD 2.  
**JAMI LYNN HORTON** — SADD 1, vikettes 1-2, intramural officer 2-4 (p-pres. 2, pres. 4).  
**MICHAEL DAVID HYNDEJ** — band 1-2, track 1-3.  
**DANIEL MICHAEL HUMES** — SADD 1, track 1, intramural basketball 4.

# JENNIFER KAY HUNT

RACHEL MEAGAN HURST—band 1-4, drama 4, FEC 1-2, natural helper 3-4, V. tennis 1-2, Viking Press 4.  
LORI A. HUTTINGER—drama 1-4, FEC 1-4, natural helper 4, intramural volleyball 1-2.  
DONNIE GENE HYATTE—choir 3.  
ERIC JOHN JAREMCZUK

DANI CHRISTINE JOHNSTON—DECA 3 (sec.), spirit club 1-2-4, V. tennis 1-2, track 1, basketball, intramural basketball 2-3.  
DANIEL TOBIAS KACHUR—choir 3-4, earth awareness 2-4.  
HOLLY LYNN KAHOT—DECA 3-4.  
ANTHONY SCOTT KALETH—football 1, basketball 1-2, baseball 1-4.  
ULRIKA KARLSSON—foreign exchange student from Sweden—FEC 4, French 4, orchestra 4, SADD 4.

ERI KATAYAMA—FEC 2-4, intramural basketball 2, girls' and boys' swimming manager 4.  
CHIKA KAWANO—foreign exchange student from Japan—FEC 4.  
MICHAEL A. KEENE  
MATTHEW JON KERRHET—natural helper 3, SADD 4, basketball 1, soccer 1-4, football 2-4, intramural volleyball 2-4, intramural basketball 4.  
SCOTT L. KELLER—golf 3-4, intramural bowling 2.

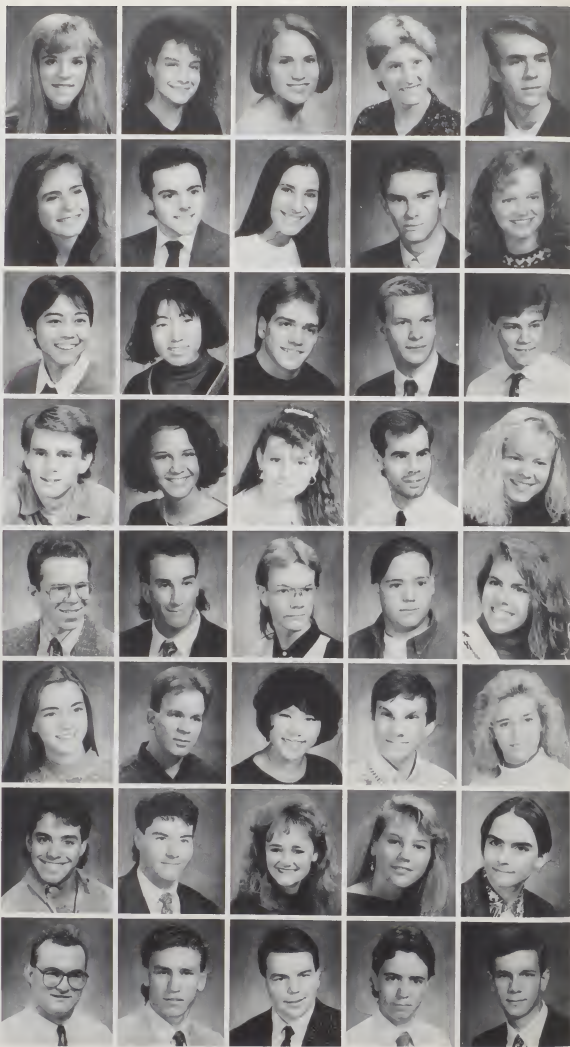
MATTHEW TODD KELLY  
MEGAN KATHLEEN KENNEDY—FEC 2-4, German 4, NHS 4.  
SHANNON MARIE KLEIBER—DECA 3-4, V. tennis 2.  
STEVE M. KLEME  
LAURIE ANNETTE KNAUFF—band 1-4, FCA 2-4, FEC 1-4, German 1-4, spirit 1-2, student council 4, SPS 4, volleyball 1-2, intramural volleyball 3-4, basketball 4.

JEFF WARREN KOSMAN—band 1-4 (jazz), 4, academic super bowl 3-4, FEC 4, glee, jazz ensemble 2-4, SADD 4, intramural tennis 3-4, intramural volleyball 4.  
TIM SCOTT KOSTELNIK—cross-country 1-2-4, wrestling 1-4, track 1-4, art 2-3.  
ADAM W. KRATZ—earth awareness 2-3, electronics 1-2.  
JOHN A. KUGLER  
STACEY LYNN LAMBERT—band 1-3, domestic exchange 3, drama 1, volleyball 1, cross-country 3-4, track 1-4, intramural volleyball 3-4, intramural aerobics 3.

ALISON DAWN LARGURA—band 1-3, class officer 3-4 (treas.), 3, pres. 4, FEC 1-4, Model U.N. 3-4, student council 2-4, intramural volleyball 1-4, exchange student 3.  
DAN ALLEN LAWSON  
LINDA CATHERINE LEE—academic decathlon 4, drama 2-4 (sec.), intramural tennis 2-3, intramural volleyball 2-4, NHS 4.  
CHRISTOPHER MARK LEHMANN—FEC 2-4 (executive board), German 2-4, orchestra 1-4.  
WHITNEY ANNE LEMON—band 1, earth awareness 4, Model U.N. 3-4, natural helper 4, spirit 3-4, SPS 4, intramural basketball 4.

CHANCE MICHAEL LINDSLEY  
SCOTT A. LINDY  
DEBBIE L. LOCKARD  
STEPHANIE LYNN LOESCHE—DECA 3, FEC 1-2, SADD 1-2, student council 3-4, basketball 1-2, swimming 3-4 (capt.)  
ISAIAH THOM LONG—band 1-4, DECA 2.

ROBERT JAMES LOZANOVSKI—weightlifting 2-4, swimming 1-4, track 2-4, intramural volleyball 3-4.  
B. BRENT MAJOR—football 4, track 3-4, intramural basketball 4.  
RYAN PATRICK MALATYER—academic super bowl 3-4, FCA 2, German 2-4, industrial tech 3, Model U.N. 4, student council 4, Viking Press 2-4, tennis 2-3, intramural tennis 1, intramural volleyball 2-4, intramural basketball 3-4.  
STEVEN E. MALLACH  
KEVIN P. MANTEL—academic super bowl 2-4, track 1, tennis 3, intramural basketball 2-4, intramural volleyball 3-4, intramural tennis 1-2.





# Government comes to life

## Hoosier Boys', Girls' State provides experience

Jessica Pacholke

Writer

In an election year, the awareness of government procedures becomes a household topic. The workings of city, state, and federal government are suddenly familiar to anyone watching T.V.

Eight seniors were able to

experience the election process first-hand as representatives to Hoosier Boys' and Girls' State last summer.

Selected to participate in the program at Indiana State University in Terre Haute were Stacy Adams, Rebecca Betjemann, Tom Calloway, Jen Hewlett, Matt Ross, Tim Thurnes, Drew Tursman, and Aaron Vnuk.

The students applied their

knowledge of political and governmental procedures to realistic situations. Gabe Wright was also elected delegate, but was unable to attend.

Delegates were nominated by social studies teachers and were chosen by the Rotary Club, the American Legion and Kiwanis Club.

In the two-week, statewide event, 4,000 students had the opportunity to meet other people

while attending the sessions.

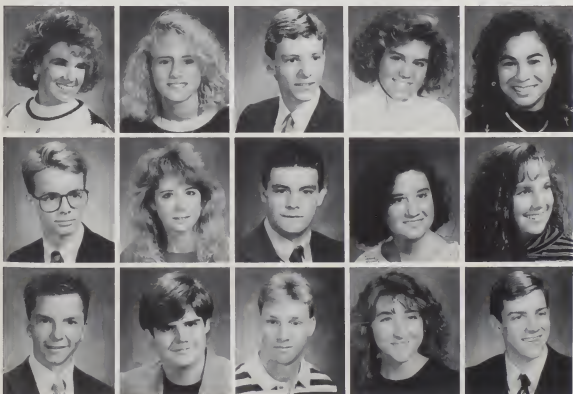
"I think we all walked away with some concepts and information about being a part of our government that you can't glean from merely skimming the textbook and cramming for the test," Calloway said.

Through Boys' and Girls' State, the government procedures have grown from household terms to applied everyday tactics.



Boys' and Girls' State Delegates

Front Row: Stacy Adams, Rebecca Betjemann. Back Row: Drew Tursman, Matt Ross, Aaron Vnuk, Tom Calloway. Not pictured: Jen Hewlett and Tim Thurnes.



**AMY MARCKESE**—natural helper 3-4, SADD 2, spirit club 2, student council 1-4, SP's 3, V-teens 1-4 (sec. 3, pres. 4), Vikes 2-3, cross country 2

**JENNIFER MARIE MARCO**—FEC 1-4, natural helper 4, SADD 1-4, spirit club 2-4, V-teens 1-4, Vikes 2-4, softball 2

**JOHN MICHAEL MARTIN**—natural helper 4, weightlifting 4, track 1-4, cross-country 3, intramural basketball 1-3, SUSAN MICHELLE MARTIN—cheerleading 2-4, SADD 1-4, spirit 1-4, V-teens 3-4, Vikes 1-4

**GINA L. MASUDA**—class officer 4 (pres.), FEC 2-4, natural helper 3, SADD 2-4, student council 3-4, gymnastics 2-4, diving 4, track 3, NHS 4

**ROBERT BAZIL MATHES**—FEC 3, Model U.N. 4, natural helper 4, cross-country 1-4, track 2-4, intramural basketball 3-4

**HEATHER ANN MAUL**—DECA 3-4 (pres. 4), volleyball 1-2, track 1

**JASON RAYMOND MCDANIELS**—natural helper 4, weightlifting 1-3, football 1-4, basketball 1-2, baseball 1-4

**MEGAN COLLEEN MCGILL**—gymnastics exchange 3, FEC 2-3, SADD 2-3, diving 1-2, intramural volleyball 1-4

**KERRY ELIZABETH MCGUIRE**—academic super bowl 3, band 1-4, earth awareness club 3, FEC 1-4, French 4, tennis 2, intramural volleyball 2-4

**JASON S. MCCLANE**—earth awareness club 4, natural helper 3, student council 4, football 1, wrestling 1, soccer 1-3-4, intramural volleyball 4

**ERIC SCOTT MCLEAN**—band 1-4, swimming 1-4, NATHAN MCMILLAN—academic super bowl 2, DECA 1, weightlifting 1-4, baseball 1-4, basketball 1-4, football 1-4

**DANA MARIE ALEXANDREA MICCO**—drama 1-3, FEC 2-3, natural helper 4, SADD 1-3, V-teens 3, Vikes 1-4, debate 4, intramural volleyball 3-4

**KARL ANDREW MILKEREIT**—swimming 1-4

# Breakfast club

## A.M. meal energizes

Aaron Vnuk

Writer

The doctor always says that three meals a day - breakfast, lunch, and dinner - are very important to anyone's nutritional balance.

However, most people forgot or never had time for the most important meal of the day - breakfast.

And even though it was the most essential meal and could easily be obtained at home or at any fast food restaurant, breakfast was the meal most often skipped by students.

The students gave numerous reasons for not eating breakfast with the most common reason being that they did not have time, since classes began at 7:40 a.m.

"I just don't have time in the morning for breakfast because I get up way too late," senior Ryan Frank said.

What most people failed to realize was that breakfast supplies the body its needed energy in the morning. When students did not eat, it explained why some students were tired until lunch.

Although some did skip the morning energy, others took the time to grab a bite, whether or not it was nutritious.

Senior Kim Brennan usually stopped at Dunkin' Donuts on her way to school for orange juice and a donut.

"I'm usually really hungry in the morning and by having at least something, it helps," Brennan said.

Senior Nicole Sunkel, who has cereal and coffee in the morning, agreed with Brennan.

"If I don't eat breakfast I'm starving by lunch because I don't eat until 12:15," Sunkel said.

Even if people couldn't spare the time for breakfast at home, the Food Service Department provided plenty of alternatives.

Beginning at 7:10 a.m. each day, donuts, milk, juice, fruit, yogurt, and other snacks were available to quench the student's hunger until lunchtime.

Whether it was donuts, cereal, coffee, or juice, any food or drink was enough for those who took the time to eat breakfast.

But those who did not take the time, usually felt hunger pangs or were embarrassed by growling stomachs by 9 a.m.



### Starting off right

Getting his morning "pick-me-up," freshman Jeremie Oelling selects his choice of breakfast food from the cafeteria food service line.

#### AARON L. MILLER

KRISTIN KATELEEN MILLER - (varsity) 1-4, captain officer; pres. 1-2; FEC 1-4, natural helpers 4, student council 1-4 (pres. 3) student faculty senate 3 basketball 1-2 volleyball 1-4 (co-capt. 4).

LARA L. MITCHELLER - academic super bowl 4 cheerleading 1-4 drama club 2-3 SADD 2-4 sports club 2 intramural volleyball 2-4 debate team 3-4 art club 2-4

#### JAMIE B. MITOL

AMANDA LEESE MOORE - drama club 2, FEC 2, SADD 1-4 (pres. 3), (pres. 4) (assistant: 3-2)

#### DANA BETE MOORE

academics super bowl 2-4 SAC 1-4 FEC 2-4 German 3-4 orchestra 2-4

NATALIE REAN MOORE - (varsity) 1-4 FEC 2, SADD 1-4 sports 3-4 basketball 1-2 tennis 1-2 intramural basketball 1-2 intramural tennis 4

JULIE MORAN - drama 3 SADD 3-4, intramural volleyball 1-2 intramural tennis 2

MAX THOMAS MOSER - PCA 2-3 FEC 1-2, wrestling 1-2, track 1-2, cross country 1-3, intramural basketball 4

ROB J. MOSES - FEC 1-3, weightlifting 4 basketball 2-4 intramural basketball 1-4





**DAWN RENEE MOUNT**—academic super bowl 4, weightlifting 4, basketball 1-4, cross country 1-4, track 1-3.  
**JEFF M. MULLEN**  
**MICHELLE LYNN MULLINS**—SADD 1, 2, student council 1, 2, ski club 1, 2.  
**JENNIFER MARIE MURPHY**—band 1-4, FEC 2, 3, French club 4, SADD 3-4, basketball 1, intramural basketball 2, 3, intramural aerobics 4.  
**HASHI NAGIBADI**—class officer 4 (sec. 4), FEC 1, 4, natural helper 4, orchestra 1-3, SADD 1, 4, student council 1-4, V-tens 1-4, tennis 1-4, NHS 4.

**TIM J. NASH**—academic decathlon 4.  
**ERIC R. NELSON**  
**NICOLE D. NETTROUR**—academic super bowl 4, weightlifting 4, basketball 1-4 (capt. 4), volleyball 1, 4, track 1 (capt. 4).  
**CHAD P. NEVILLS**  
**STACEY LYNN NIELSEN**

**LISA ANNE NOLAN**—DECA 3, SADD 2, powder pull 1-3, intramural aerobics 1-4, intramural volleyball 2.  
**LYNN MARIE NOLAN**—DECA 3, SADD 2, intramural aerobics 1, 3, intramural volleyball 2, powder pull 2-3.  
**AMY SUE NONDORF**—choir 1-4, drama club 3-4, FEC 2, 4, SADD 2, 4, varsity singers 2, 4, golf 1-4, intramural basketball 3-4, intramural volleyball 2-4.  
**TIFFANY ANNE NORMAN**—choir 2, DECA 3.  
**SHAWN K. NOVA**—natural helpers 4, weightlifting 1, 4, football 1, 4, intramural basketball 4.

**BRENDA ANN NOWLIN**—academic super bowl 3-4, drama club 1, FEC 2, natural helpers 3-4, orchestra 1, SADD 2, student faculty senate 4, Vilettes 4, basketball 1.

**LENA ORABD**—FEC 2, French club 4, natural helper 4, SADD 2, spirit club 2, student council 2, 4, V-tens 4, tennis 2, intramural aerobics 4.  
**KATRINA ANN O'DELL**—SADD (treas.) 3-4, V-tens (treas.) 3-4.  
**KRISTINA LYNN O'DELL**—SADD 1, 3, 4, V-tens 3, 4.  
**HEATHER NOEL OEDING**—choir 1, drama club 1, art club 2-3.

**NANCY H. OHLER**—SADD 4, spirit club 2, 4, Viking Press 3-4, basketball 1, track 1.  
**TESSA D. OLSON**—softball 2.  
**MIKE PAUL ORCUTT**—football 2, track 2-4, weightlifting 2-3.  
**DAVID ANDREW PACHOLKE**—French 4, tennis 1-4, intramural basketball 3-4, intramural weightlifting 3, 4, NHS 3-4.  
**SARAH C. PAPPAS**—drama 4, FEC 2-3, Viking Press 4.

**COURTNEY LYNN PAYNE**—SADD 4, Vilettes 1-4, intramural volleyball 4, speech and debate 3-4.  
**TIMOTHY RANDALL PAYNE**—weightlifting 1-4, football 1-4, track 1-3, intramural volleyball 4.  
**TINA PENCE**  
**AMANDA RACHEL PERA**—FEC 2, 4, French 4, foreign exchange student 4.  
**KIMBERLY LYNN PETERS**—drama 2-4, FEC 2, 4, SADD 2, spirit 3, intramural basketball 4, intramural volleyball 4.

**LAURA MARIE PHILLIPS**—basketball 1, 4, intramural volleyball 1, 3-4.  
**CATHERINE MARIE PILGRIM**—FEC 1-3, intramural aerobics 3-4.  
**ELIZABETH ANN PILGRIM**—drama 1, 3, FCA 1-2, FEC 1, natural helper 4, SADD 1-4, spirit 1-2, student council 1, intramural basketball 4.  
**JAROD POE**—choir 1-4, gaming 1-2.  
**TINA DIANE POFF**—DECA 3-4, volleyball 1, track 1, intramural aerobics 2.

**DREW P. POLESKI**  
**VALERIE KAY POLEWSKI**—drama 1-4, FEC 1-4, German 4, SADD 1, 2, 4, student faculty senate 4 (sec. 1), Viking Press 2-4 (ed.-in-chief 4).  
**STEVEN C. PRICE**—weightlifting 1-2, baseball 1-2, football 1-2, intramural basketball 1, intramural volleyball 1, VICA 3-4 (treas. finalist).  
**NICK PUTMAN**—art 3-4.  
**NOELLE MARIE RAELSON**—earth awareness 4.

**KARLY ALICE RANDOLPH** — FEC 1-2, natural helper 3-4, SADD 1-2, spirit club 1, student council 3-4, V-teens 4, weightlifting 1-4, cross country 2-4 (capt. 3, co-capt. 4), track 1-3, intramural services 1, NHS 3-4 (sec. 4).  
**TRACIE LYN RANS**  
**VALERIE ANN REICHARDT** — academic decathlon 4, choir 1, FEC 2-4, Viking Press 2-4 (news editor 4), cross country 1.

**SCOTT ALLEN REINHARDT** — SADD 1, earth awareness club 1.

**JOSH LANE REUTER** — German 4, model U.N. 4, weightlifting 1-4, football 1-4, baseball 1-2, track 3-4.

**TROY MICHAEL RUFFEL** — band 1, natural helper 4, student council 2-4 (v-pres. 4), swimming 1-4 (capt. 4), soccer 1-2, football 2.

**KERI ANN RIVERA**

**JENNIFER LYNNE ROACH** — earth awareness 1-2, FEC 1-4, spirit club 1-2, student council 2-4, V-teens 1-2, intramural volleyball 1-3-4.

**AMY LYN ROGNESS** — choir 1, FEC 1-2, SADD 1-3, intramural skiing 1-3.

**ANTTI SAMULI RONKKO** — FEC 4, weightlifting 4.

**MICHELLE LEE ROOF** — DECA 3, industrial tech 4 (sec. 4), SADD 2, track 2-3, basketball 1.

**LAURIE J. ROPEL** — FEC 2-3, spirit club 3, track 1-3, cross country 4, golf 1.

**JAMES ALLEN ROSE II** — FEC 3, natural helper 3-4, weightlifting 1-4, football 1-4, track 1-4, intramural basketball 3-4, intramural volleyball 3-4.

**GREG A. ROSINSKI** — weightlifting 1-4, football 1-4, track 1-4, intramural basketball 4.

**MATTHEW DAVID ROSS** — band 1, domestic exchange 3, FEC 2-3, model U.N. 4, natural helper 3, SADD 2, student council 4, student faculty senate 4, basketball 1-2, track 1-2, soccer 3, intramural volleyball 2-4, intramural basketball 3-4, Hooser boys state 4.

**CHRISTY ELIZABETH RUST** — SADD 1, Vikesettes 2, basketball 1.

**JEREMY E. SAGUI**

**JODY LAUREN SARICH** — drama 2-4, FEC 1-3, natural helper 4, intramural volleyball 1.

**SCOTT JAMES SCHIESSER** — intramural volleyball 3-4.

**ANGELA KIMBERLY SCHOENBECK** — band 1-4.

**KARA SUNG-AE SCHOPPA** — choir 2-4, drama club 2-3, FEC 1-4, French 4, SADD 2-4, spirit club 3.

**POLLY DANIELLE SCHROEDER** — cheerleading 1-2, spirit club 1-2, intramural boys basketball scorekeeper 1-4.

**CASBY LYNN SCHUETZ** — academic super bowl 1, band 1-4 (sec. 4), earth awareness 2-4 (pres. 4), FCA 1, German 1-4, jazz ensemble 3-4, studio band 1-2.

**RYAN ROBERT SCHWARTZ** — band 1-4 (pres. 4), jazz ensemble 2-4, orchestra 2-3, pep band 1-3, studio band 1-3.

**CHRISTIAN A. SCHWED** — industrial tech 4, SADD 4, baseball 1, intramural basketball 4.

**BRANDON MICHAEL BAKER SCOTT**

**KEVIN RICHARD SEPEKOWSKI** — FEC 1-3, natural helper 4, SADD 4, VICA 3-4 (pres. 4), weightlifting 1-4, soccer 1-4, track 1, football 1-2, basketball 1.

**KRISTIN LYNN SEPKOWSKI** — FEC 1-2, French 4, SADD 1-4, V-teens 3-4, Valentin 3, Vikesettes 1, soccer 2-3, intramural basketball 1-4, powder puff 2-3.

**NTSHA C. SHARP** — SADD 1-3.

**AMBER LYNN SHEETS** — earth awareness 1, SADD 1-3 (sec. 3), spirit 2, V-teens 3-4, track 2, intramural volleyball 1-2, 4.





# Blind Dates

## Experiencing variety

Amy Zelaya

### Contributing Writer

Several students have experienced the excitement, stress, and scary feelings of going out on a blind date.

"A blind date is like the lottery. If it works, great. If it doesn't, then there's no harm done," senior Mike Synowiec said.

According to senior Kim Brennan, a blind date was a refreshing change of pace.

Blind dating was a two-way street. It can either work out, or it can end up in a disaster.

"The guy I met was very good looking and fun to be with. Our date turned into a nine month relationship," senior Karen Steindler said.

However, things did not

always work out quite as well.

According to senior Tricia Cummings, she felt uncomfortable being left alone with her date because the other couple she was with got along.

Most students agree that the main purpose of a blind date was to meet new people.

"If two people don't have the chemistry between them, then a new friend is always welcome," senior Susan Martin said.

For students who have never been on a blind date, it might be something to try. Then again, it might not.

Senior Michelle Mullins said she would only recommend a blind date to someone who likes surprises.

"Blind dating is a great experience, and if things don't work out with one guy, then try it again," senior Krista Hensel said.

Overall, going on a blind date could be adventurous, but a student must be prepared to take the risk.

### First Moves

Before the big moment, senior Jeff Heinze waits to meet his blind date.



**JENNIFER REBECCA SHIPLEY** — weightlifting 2-4.  
**LEANNE DONNELLY SINCLAIR** — FEC 2, natural helper 4, sport 3, basketball 1, volleyball 1-4, intramural basketball 2-4, intramural volleyball 4.  
**DAWN SUZANNE SKINGLEY** — FEC 1-2, SADD 1, swimming mar 2-4.  
**GREG A. SKRIVAN** — band 1, gaming 1.  
**MICHELLE LYNN SMITH** — choir 1-2.

**SHANNON ERIN SMITH** — FEC 1-4, SADD 1-4, spirit 1, student council 1-2, softball 1-4 (capt. 4).  
**ADAM DANIEL SNYDER** — academic decathlon 4, weightlifting 3-4.  
**CHRISTOPHER CHARLES SOMERS** — weightlifting 1-4, track 1-4, football 2-4, intramural basketball 4.  
**MICHAEL CHARLES SOUTHERS** — natural helper 3, SADD 3-4, weightlifting 1-4, baseball 1, intramural basketball 2-4.

**JENNIFER REBECCA STAMMEL** — domestic exchange 3, FEC 1-4, French 4 (v. pres.), model U.N. 4, spirit 1-2, student council 1-4 (sec. 3), student faculty senate.

**MATTHEW ROBERT STARK** — cross country 1-4, track 1-4, swimming 1-3.  
**AMY CATHERINE STEFFEN** — band 1, cheerleading 1-4, French 4, natural helper 2, sport 1-4, Valedictorian 3.  
**SAMANTHA ANN STEFFEN** — natural helper 4, Valedictorian 4, gymnastics 1, tennis 4, intramural tennis 3.  
**KAREN ELIZABETH STEINDLER** — DECA 3-4 (v. pres. 3), earth awareness 4, spirit 2-4 (v. pres. 2, pres. 3), Valedictorian 3, intramural volleyball 3-4, HOPE 3-4 (treas. 3, pres. 4).  
**THOMAS C. STEINDLER**

JENNIFER L. STRATN—DECA 3, sprint 2.  
JOI BETH STROGULUDIS—FEC 1-3, SADD 1-3, softball 1, tennis 2-4, volleyball 1, HOPE 1.  
NICOLE LYNN SUNKEL—academic decathlon 3, band 1-3, FEC 1-4, French 4 (pres.), quiz bowl 4, student council 4, intramural archery 4, NHS 3-4, speech and debate 1 4 (capt. 3-4) spell bowl 2.  
BARBARA SURBECK—FEC 4, French 4, foreign exchange student 4.  
TRACEY A. SWARTHOUT—band 1, choir 1 4.

SEAN CLAUDE SWENSON—academic super bowl 4, earth awareness 2-3, FEC 2, 4, French 4, model UN 4, soccer 1-4, intramural basketball 3-4.  
AMY SWISHER—FCA 1, FEC 2, basketball 1 2, softball 1, tennis 2-4, volleyball 1 4, intramural basketball 3-4.  
MICHAEL T. SYNOWICZ—FEC 1-2, German 1, 3-4, math team 1-2, quiz bowl 2 4, VICA 3, weightlifting 1-4, track 1-4, football 2-3, basketball 1, wrestling 4.  
CANDANCE MARIE SZMALL—FEC 4, orchestra 1-3.  
BETH ANN SZOKE—SADD 4, sprint 2-3, V-tennis 4.

JOEL J. SZYMANSKI—earth awareness 4, natural helper 4, diving 2-4, baseball 1-2, basketball 1, intramural volleyball 2-4.  
ANITA TALEVSKI—band 1-4, choir 3, drama 2, FEC 4, German 2, model UN 4, basketball 1, swimming 2-4, track 3-4, intramural skiing 2.  
AMANDA KATHLEEN THOMAS—DECA 3, softball 2-4.  
FRANK LEONARD THOMAS—wrestling 3.  
MATTHEW W. THOMAS—weightlifting 2-4, basketball 1-4, football 1-2, soccer 2-3, NHS 4.

SHANE RUSSELL THOMAS—SADD 4, soccer 1 2.  
TIMOTHY SCOTT THURNES—FEC 4, natural helper 3-4, SADD 2 4, (co-pres.), student faculty senate 4 (v-pres.), swim/volleyball, track 1-2, tennis 2, Russian language 4, junior achievement 2.  
MIKE STEWART TITTLE—natural helper 4, diving 2, tennis 1-4, soccer 1-4, intramural volleyball 4.  
JACQUELINE R. TODOSJEVIC—DECA 3 (pres.), intramural volleyball 2-3.  
MATT PAUL TOLIN—band 1 2.



## Head of the class

### Kevins vie for honors

Aaron Vnuk

Writer

The graduating class of 1992 marked the end of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian titles at Valparaiso High School.

Beginning with the class of 1993, all students in the top 10 percent will be honored, rather than just two students.

And not since 1989 has the competition for Valedictorian been so intense.

With a 4.332 G.P.A., valedictorian Kevin Eichhorn edged salutatorian Kevin Mantel's 4.317 G.P.A. to top the 412 seniors.

Eichhorn will attend Wabash College, while Mantel will study at Purdue University.

Of the top 20 students, 16 had a

4.0 G.P.A. or better.

The remainder of the top 20, who were identified by gold tassels at graduation were Jeff Kosman (4.288), Linda Lee (4.243), Jennifer Hewlett (4.222), Tom Calloway (4.199), Nicole Sunkel (4.163), Devashree Gupta (4.160), Rebecca Betjemann (4.107), Ryan Frank (4.090), and Stephanie Burleson (4.085).

Also in the top 20 were Natalie Burleson (4.076), Ryan Malayer (4.059), Melissa Ehrenberg (4.045), Dana Moore (4.042), Chris Lehmann (4.019), Tim Nash (3.942), and Gina Massuda (3.932).

#### Top of the class

In between studies, valedictorian Kevin Eichhorn and salutatorian Kevin Mantel spend a free moment in the Learning Center. Eichhorn plans to major in pre-med, while Mantel will study engineering.





CHAD ALAN TOLSON—weightlifting 3-4, basketball 1-4,

baseball 1-3-4

SKIP A. TOMASKO—earth awareness 4

RENEE LYNN TOMERLIN—orchestra 1-4, SADD 1-2,

sprint 2, softball 1-2, volleyball 1, intramural basketball 1-2

CALLIE ANN TOMLINSON—domestic exchange 1-3, FEC 1-4, German 1-4, SADD 1-4, sprint 3-4, V-teams 2-3, weightlifting 2

KODI TARA TREMBLEY—drama 1-3, FCA 1-2, FEC 1-3, SADD 1-4, sprint 1-3, V-teams 1-3, swimming 2

JEFFREY KEITH TROEL—natural helper 4, student council 3, weightlifting 2-4, basketball 1-2, baseball 1-2, football 2-3, intramural basketball 3-4

DAMIAN DEMETRIUS TSOUTSOURIS—wrestling 4

SUSAN MARIE TURK—class officer 1, SADD 2, student council 1-2, 4, tennis 4, gymnastics 1-2, diving 1-3

KYLE RAY TURNER—natural helper 2-4, SADD 1-2,

student council 3-4, V-teams 3, football 1, basketball 1, golf 2-4

ANDREW DAVID TURSMAN—academic super bowl 4, band 1, FEC 3, model UN 4, student council 4, basketball 1-2, football 2, track 1-4 (co-capt. 4), NHS 4 (pres.)

LAURA CHRISTINE VAHARY—FCA 3-4, FEC 1-4, SADD 4, gymnastics 1-4, track 1-4

JENNIFER VALPATIC—choir 1, DECA 3-4, drama 1, swimming 2-4, intramural aerobics 2-3, intramural basketball 3

HEATHER DAWN VAN DYKE—earth awareness 2, SADD 3, powder puff 3-4

AARON MICHAEL VNUK—band 1-4, jazz ensemble 3, Violent 4, soccer 1-4, intramural basketball 1-2, 4, Boys' State 4, NHS 4, speech team 2-4, studio band 1-2

ELAINE ALISON VOIGHT—FEC 2-4, SADD 4, junior achievement 2

CHRIS W. VOLLMER—German 2, weightlifting 1-4, football 1-4, track 1-3

LISA CATHERINE WALTERS—choir 1-2

TOMTA MARIE WAMPLER—band 1-3, DECA 4, drama 1-2, German 2, intramural volleyball 2

FRED R. WARNER—choir 3-4, DECA 2-3, drama 4, i-pres. 3, pres. 4, earth awareness 4, FEC 3-4, natural helper 4, SADD 3-4, student council 2-4, variety singers 3-4, intramural bowling 3

JULIE ELLEN WASEMANN—FEC 1-4, German 3, SADD 1-4, swimming 1-4

RYAN MICHAEL WATSON—German 4, weightlifting 1-4, football 1-4, track 1-3, intramural weightlifting 1-4, intramural basketball 1

JOE WEISIGER—French 1, SADD 4, basketball 1

JEFFREY ALLEN WEITZEL—earth awareness 2-4 (i-pres. 3, pres. 4), FEC 1, German 1-2, natural helper 3, intramural volleyball 3-4, science Olympiad 4

JADE ARAN WEST—basketball 1-2, baseball 1-4, intramural basketball 3-4

MICHELLE E. WHALEN—DECA 3-4 (i-pres. 4), SADD 2, track 1, swimming 1-2 (mgr.)

ANGELA MARIE WHEAT—drama 1-4, FEC 1-4, Natural helper 4, orchestra 1-2, wrestling 1-3 (mgr.)

JAMES WHITED

DANIELA KATHERINE WIATROWSKI—sprint 3

NEEL A. WILGUS—NCA 3-4

KATHERINE WREN WILLIAMS—band 1-3, domestic exchange 2, drama 1-2, FEC 1-4, student council 1-4, student faculty senate 3 (pres.), intramural track 1-3, NHS 3-4

MARC C. WILLIAMS—weightlifting 2-4, baseball 2-4, football 2-4

JASON C. WILSON

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT WISHART—SADD 2, weightlifting 1-4, football 1-4, track 1-2, 4, wrestling 2, intramural volleyball 3-4, intramural basketball 4

BRIAN MATTHEW WOOD—earth awareness 1-4, wrestling 1-2

GABRIEL JUSTIN WRIGHT—FCA 2-4, basketball 1-4, tennis 1-4, intramural volleyball 4, NHS 3-4

BETH A. YODER—FEC 1-4 (i-pres. 4), natural helper 4, SADD 1-2, sprint 2, student council 2, student faculty senate 4, V-teams 1-4 (i-pres. 4), soccer 2-3, intramural aerobics 2-3, intramural volleyball 2-4, intramural basketball 4

MICHELE BRANDIE YOUNG—FEC 1-4, French 4, SADD 2, Volleyball 1 (mgr. 1), intramural basketball 2-4, intramural volleyball 3-4

KEN G. ZEMAN

ELIAS GEORGE ZIKOS—intramural tennis 3-4

NATALIE D. ZUNIGA



Deena Abdo  
Kimberly Abner  
Adam Ackenhuesen  
Amy Adams  
Beth Allen  
Bryan Allen  
Catherine Allen  
Bron Anderson  
Bryan Anderson

Karin Anderson  
Melissa Anderson  
Jamie Bach  
Jodie Bach  
Katherine Bachman  
Marlene Baker  
Michael Baker  
Holly Balon  
Ryan Bambrick

Christopher Barber  
Judith Barbknecht  
Lisa Barker  
Eric Barros  
Jeanette Basinski  
Catherine Bassford  
Dawn Bauer  
Courtney Bechtold  
Joshua Bedard

Kelly Beekman  
Robin Beesley  
Stacy Benedict  
Stacy Bennington  
John Bergeson  
Andrew Bergstedt  
Dawn Bergstrom  
Jessica Besterman  
Amy Bickel

Andrew Bledron  
Perrin Bohaning  
Amy Boltyn  
Angela Bollhorst  
Catherine Bonifas  
Laura Bowers  
Deborah Boyd  
Becky Boyer  
Caroline Bradney

Eric Brandy  
Tamara Breit  
Ben Brettinger  
Michele Brewer  
Solitaire Briggs  
Jason Brink  
David Brown  
Eric Brown  
Jessica Brown

Stephen Brown  
Andres Caprous  
Jennifer Carlberg  
Michael Carlberg  
Samuel Carlson  
Brandi Carnahan  
Scott Carnahan  
Erin Casbon  
Jessica Cavannah

Aaron Cerny  
Jessica Cheslek  
Grant Christensen  
Kara Christian  
Jude Clover  
Jason Coffey  
Brian Comerford  
Maurice Conner  
Lance Corkwell

Alice Cornell  
Adam Crocker  
Cynthia Crowley  
Stephan Cason  
Jason Daly  
Stephanie Daly  
Christopher Deal  
Carrie Dedrick  
John Demass

Stephanie Demkowicz  
Renee Demons  
Joyce Derolf  
Shawna Dickson  
Morgan Dingwall  
Eric Douglas  
Clint Douthitt  
Tenley Draecher  
Amy Drever

Carmen Duivain  
Donald Duvall  
Kristal Eckley  
Robert Edgcomb  
Margaret Ehlers  
Amy Ekman  
Laura Elieff  
Christopher Ellsworth  
Lynn Elms





# High standards

## Juniors aim for successful year

Kirsten Johnson

### Contributing Writer

"We're looking for a few good men," "Be all that you can be in the Army," "Aim high. Aim for the Air Force."

These popular armed forces slogans are examples of what people look for in their leaders. Like the U.S. Military, the junior class officers aimed high this year to achieve their goals.

Overseeing all Class of 1993 activities were junior class officers Mike Goldman, president; Bron Anderson, vice president; Carrie Dedrick, secretary; and

Shelly Malayer, treasurer.

Trying to better the school, the officers, as members of the Student Council worked with the administration to incorporate the ideas and thoughts of the students.

The suggestion box, which was placed outside the cafeteria, was a new way for the students to express their opinions and ask questions.

In the past some officers felt that not enough people were involved with Student Council. However, this year there was a change.

"A record number of students registered to vote and were active in our class elections and campaigns," Goldman said.

Homecoming was just one of the events where junior involvement

was evident. The junior float, with the theme "Flush the Pirates", captured first place in the organization category of the annual Homecoming parade.

"This year was the first year we had a real homecoming float and won first prize. All the work was delegated and everyone did their part," Goldman said.

As juniors, the class officers had the responsibility of planning prom.

According to the officers, everything from the fundraising and theme to design and decorations came from members of the class.

"We tried to have a fun prom this year," Goldman said.

When it came to aiming high, the junior class officers played their part.



### Junior Class Officers

Organizing all Class of '93 activities are Shelly Malayer, treasurer; Mike Goldman, president; and Carrie Dedrick, secretary. Not pictured is Bron Anderson, vice president.

### Flush 'em

Juniors Shelly Malayer, Dawn Bauer, and Sarah Klett prepare the junior class homecoming float, before the parade begins. Juniors won first place in the float competition.

# Only children fly solo in life

## Singular status offers advantages, disadvantages

by Heidi Letz

Album Editor

No matter how much someone loves his family, occasionally the slightest incident can turn into an irksome "circumstance."

Only children were immune to those "circumstances" of jealousy and favoritism. Their singular position had many advantages.

"I am never stuck babysitting or

being a taxi cab for younger siblings. I am very close to my parents on a friendship level, which sometimes can cause problems because I think of them as siblings, rather than parents," said senior Deena Butterfield.

Most students confessed that they got lonely, but sophomore Michelle Bergquist found ways to cope with her situation.

"I learned to occupy my time. I try to find lots of things to do, besides, that's what friends and

telephones are for," she said.

Being the only child gives the illusion of a perfect family. However, some students said there were drawbacks.

"Family vacations are the worst. If I want to go somewhere without my parents, I have to go by myself," said junior Julie Puffer.

Although she did get lonely sometimes, sophomore Marie Arndt said having a brother or sister might cause problems.

"I never had to feel that someone else was getting more attention," she said.

A lack of siblings shaped future decisions of only children.

"Since I don't like being an only child, I would rather have zero or ten children, before I would have only one," said junior Jenny Frailey.

Next time you cannot blame the dirty dishes in the sink on someone else, just remember the pros and cons of being the only child. ♦



Only talking

Discussing the good and bad aspects of being an only child, Juniors Katie Allen and Julie Puffer share their similar situations.



Alone again

Many only children get lonely without siblings. Junior Bron Anderson fills this void by keeping in touch with friends after school.

Jameson Empey  
Shannon Ferguson  
Brandy Flachbach  
Erica Flanagan  
Diana Field  
Jennifer Frailey  
Beth Fredrick

Nathan Funk  
Robert Furst  
Jeffrey Fusner  
Jeremy Gagan  
Gino Giamino  
Eva Gee  
Jonathan Geise

Glenda George  
Mark German  
Renee Gilbert  
Rebecca Glinarez  
Michael Glogrich  
Timothy Gleason  
Michael Goldman





Robert Gorlacen  
Angelina Grandys  
David Greich  
Anna Gregg  
Kimberly Hack  
Sarah Hahn  
Danny Haines

Jennifer Hall  
Melissa Handley  
David Hanson  
Lisa Harrison  
Keith Harvey  
Stephanie Haugh  
Amber Hawkins

Maria Hawkins  
Douglas Haselgrove  
Eric Heikmann  
Elizabeth Helmholt  
Brian Holton  
Jennifer Horsemann  
Leslee Hewlett

Heldi Hickman  
Windy Hicks  
Tamara Higer  
Jason Highaboe  
John Hogg  
David Hollar  
Miguel Hoskins

Stacey Hrabota  
Adrienne Hudson  
Rebekah Hull  
Aaron Hunter  
Damen Ikeda  
Steven Jankowski  
Anthony Jaremcuk

Jodie Jaremcuk  
Breana Jarnecke  
Angela Jeffs  
Michael Jeselakis  
Susan Jensen  
Kirsten Johnson  
Michelle Johnson

Joshua Jones  
Marcus Jones  
Matthew Jones  
David Julovich  
Brian Jurgensen  
Amanda Kalunay  
James Kaslauskis

Karl Keach  
Susette Kenn  
Jason Keller  
Adam Kellogg  
Benjamin Kim  
Charles Kimble  
Tricia Kindeberger

Douglas Kinsey  
Justin Klema  
Sarah Klett  
Andy Koehler  
Stacy Kobanyi  
Jenny Kominiak  
Todd Kosteink

Jennifer Kotys  
Tracie Kraszyk  
Joshua Krieger  
Joshua Krueger  
Kimberly Kuehl  
Chad Kulavick  
Jennifer Lagerstrom

Brian Laik  
Jenny Lashbrook  
Matthew Laughner  
Christina Layton  
Derek Lee  
Robert Lee  
Seth Lee



Sarahlynn Lester  
Heidi Letz  
James Lewis  
Lisa Lewis  
Lori Lewis  
Gene Laynes

Kraig Lhotak  
Paula Lhassl  
Kim Lindholm  
Kristin Lloyd  
Johanna Looft  
Katie Looft

Dina Lozano  
Eva Ludington  
Donald Lukes  
Danielle Lukraft  
Rachel Mack  
Christine Magdalenos

Lauren Mahns  
Rachelle Malayer  
David Malloch  
Kares Mantel  
Brandon Markette  
Tim Marler

Mandy Marquardt  
Karl Marx  
Michael Martz  
Frances Masur  
Rorie McDanns  
Chris McChristian

Brenda McCleery  
Amanda McCormack  
Brandi McCotter  
Christina McCoy  
Jody McDaniel  
Bria McCuckin

Kristi McEandrick  
Tom McKinney  
Ryan McGuillan  
James Medley  
Michelle Mehay  
Angela Metzger  
James Meyer

Shawn Michaels  
Michael Micka  
Kyle Mikaloff  
Tommy Miller  
Shelley Miskowski  
Krista Mitchell  
Tim Moore

Christiane Mortensen  
Josh Murphy  
Sarah Murphy  
Curtis Mueser  
Amy Mutka  
Jullie Neeley  
Mark Nelson

Amey Newell  
Kimberley Newton  
Mike Nicholas  
Philip Nicholson  
Carolyn Nobles  
Jacalynae Noe  
Zachary Nover

Jennifer Nuss  
Heather Oakes  
Brandon Oelling  
Rebeka Oelling  
Bill Oliver  
Sean Orsura  
Lisa Orcutt





# Receptions

## Radio stations vary

Heldi Letz

Album Editor

When two or a group of people go to a restaurant, they rarely order the same food. The menu usually offers a large selection of food to suit every taste and mood.

Similarly, students listened to a variety of radio stations, mostly from the vast selection that is offered on Chicago F.M. radio.

"I usually listen to 105.9 WCKG that plays the best songs from the late 1960's and early 1970's. My favorite radio

personality is Patti Hayes from WCKG," junior Bron Anderson said.

Although many students preferred oldies and hard rock, a few enjoyed today's top 40 music on their drive to and from school, after school, or on weekends.

"B96 has great mixes on weekend nights. They always have dance music that is good too," said sophomore Michael Knight.

Teenagers did not always stick to one station. In fact, most admit they flip the dial back and forth to two or three stations.

"I could probably listen to any station and be happy because I like all kinds of music. I do a lot of switching stations," junior Kelly Beekman said.

A restaurant, like the wide selection of Chicago stations, catered to every kind of taste. ♦

### Tuning in

Searching the dial for the right song, junior Frances Mazur prepares for the drive home after school. Although similar, students' radio preferences varied somewhat.



Brian Osner  
Tricia Oswald  
Elizabeth Palmer  
Lynnette Palmer  
John Pamplone  
Jason Paris  
Mark Paser

Christie Patterson  
Natalie Paul  
Jennifer Paulauski  
Heather Paulson  
Kevin Pedersen  
Sarah Perkins  
Adam Perry

Deborah Perry  
David Peasmeg  
Robert Peyton  
Larry Phillips  
Amy Pinkerton  
Kimberly Porapalboon  
Jessica Potts

Joshua Potts  
Harry Pranas  
Jeffrey Precourt  
Heather Prosser  
Julie Puffer  
Traci Quinn  
Jennifer Racine

Jeff Rafferty  
Aaron Rasnussen  
Christine Rea  
Scott Reichert  
Robert Reid  
Stuart Reilly  
Susan Rich

James Rickards  
Andrew Rickman  
Christina Riley  
Jeff Riley  
Michael Rivers  
Michelle Rivers  
Eric Robinson

Vicki Robinson  
Cory Rogers  
Jamie Roof  
Christina Rosado  
Holly Rosenbaum  
Alan Rosolowski  
Lisa Rosolowski

Beth Rudd  
Carmen Rue  
Scott Russell  
Kelly Sanders  
Armando Santiago  
Natase Saphar  
Peter Sarafin



# F lawless

## Perfectionists excel

Kara Conkle

Contributing Writer

One of the most popular television shows of the 80's, "Family Ties," was about a middle class family in which the oldest child, Alex P. Keaton, constantly strives for perfection in every aspect of his life.

Although many perfectionists may not be as incessant and neurotic as Alex, being the best is very important.

"I think I'm a perfectionist about my appearance, especially my hair and nails," senior Natalie Moore said.

"I will always try for the best even if what I have isn't so bad," sophomore Marie Fattore.

Fattore admitted to being extremely picky about her clothes, hair and class work, as well as her room.

"I'm a perfectionist about my grades, my room, my appearance, and life in general," junior Amanda Kaluzny said.

Different things motivate each perfectionist. Each person has their own hang-ups, which might not bother anyone else.

"When I look at something I can always find something wrong. It will irritate me until I fix it," Fattore said.

The attitudes of perfectionists had different effects on relationships with friends.

"My friends are similar to me, yet I don't think they go to the extremes I do," junior Lisa Harrison said.

Harrison confessed that she will not wear a sweater or sweatshirt unless she finds color-coordinated socks.

Being a perfectionist has its advantages and disadvantages.

"As a perfectionist, you can turn out a lot of quality work, but it can really drive you crazy," Fattore said. "Being a perfectionist has its advantages, but it requires a lot of sacrifices," Kaluzny said.

Alex P. Keaton relates to perfectionists in a number of ways, yet each perfectionist adapts their attitude to their own way of life. ♦

### Perfect scores

Although his scores may not always be perfect, Junior David Hollar's G.P.A. puts him at the top of his class. Hollar was a member of the third-ranked Academic Decathlon team.

### Extremely picky

Preparing the perfect look before class, Junior Amanda Kaluzny, like many others, is particular about her appearance and takes time between classes to check her hair and makeup.





Peter Sattler  
 Jennifer Sausman  
 Daniel Schlyer  
 Jennifer Schnirring  
 Peter Schröder  
 Kara Schultheis  
 Melissa Schwerd

Krista Schwuchow  
 Paul Beamon  
 Kris Seely  
 Karl Sepkowski  
 Gregory Serfaty  
 Michelle Shaver  
 Cameron Shearhod

Lisa Silver  
 Teena Simpson  
 Jamey Skinner  
 Dan Smilecek  
 Daniel Smith  
 Jennifer Smith  
 Laura Smith

Nathan Smurdon  
 David Soleymani  
 Chase Sorrick  
 Kimberly Stammel  
 Tammy Standiford  
 Steffany Steele  
 Michael Steffen

Kristine Stephan  
 Jamey Stonebraker  
 Chris Stroguludis  
 Joseph Such  
 Steven Summerford  
 Robert Swinehart  
 Ian Swope

Roger Tatum  
 Janet Taylor  
 Laura Thomas  
 Kenneth Tolson  
 Shawn Trawinski  
 Kyle Treble  
 Melissa Trott

Mary Troup  
 Anna Truitt  
 Kelly Uher  
 Sam Upthegrove  
 Aaron Vagelatos  
 Scott Vancecliff  
 Douglas Vanwesen

Emily Villarreal  
 Nicholas Vorkapich  
 Amanda Walker  
 Eric Walker  
 Jennifer Ward  
 Kelli Warren  
 Timothy Wasmann

Danielle Wasy  
 Craig Watben  
 Kelly Webb  
 Samantha Webb  
 Jonathan Weber  
 Michael Weber  
 Angela White

Megan White  
 Jennifer Whitied  
 Chad Wiesjahn  
 Brian Wiles  
 John Wilhelm  
 Jason Wilkerson  
 Jay Will

Scott Williams  
 Eric Wilson  
 Rachel Wolfe  
 Lorri Woodyard  
 Erin Worthington  
 John Wright  
 Amy Zulich

## Sophomore Class Officers

Coordinating all Class of '94 activities are (front) Jovanka Sirovica, pres.; (middle) Michelle Pappas, sec.; Michelle Pio, treas.; and (back) Mike Bishop, vice pres.



# Sailing ahead

## Class anchors ideas

Tami Higer

Writer

Before Columbus set foot on the new land and called it America, there were several obstacles that he and his crew had to overcome.

Like the explorers of the New World, the sophomore class officers also had new ground to conquer. In their second year at Valparaiso High School, the tenth grade leaders sought to test old ideas, create new ones, and to solve any problems that arise.

The main objectives of the Class of '94 leaders were to unify the sophomores, get their classmates more involved in school activities, and work together to solve problems.

"I think we mainly want to let others know what the

sophomores think so if there is something wrong, we can try to change it," secretary Michelle Pappas said.

Activities for the 458-member class included a float in the Homecoming parade, T-shirt sales, and bake sales.

"We hope that as we plan more activities throughout the year, more students will get involved," president Jovanka Sirovica said.

Independently, the tenth graders joined clubs and participated in sports. They also were able to attend the three semi-formal dances and were eligible for prom if asked by a junior or senior.

The officers hoped that the sophomore class would work together to make this a successful year. But like Columbus they knew they had to deal with obstacles before they could reach their final goal. ♦

Aga Acosta  
Matt Albrecht  
Amanda Allen  
Heather Allen  
Sam Allie  
Aaron Almus  
Sean Anderson

Julene Anderson  
Shannon Anderson  
Terrance Anderson  
Wendy Anderson  
Scott Anleitner  
Nathan Aunen  
Tommy Ard

Scott Armendaris  
Marie Arndt  
John Ashbaugh  
Benjamin Austin  
Jessica Balentine  
Kelli Barnes  
Wilbur Barrick

Paula Becerra  
Amanda Beckwith  
Chad Belle  
Jeremiah Benham  
Michelle Bergquist  
Shannon Biggerstaff  
Nicole Biggs

Nicholas Blumas  
Michael Bishop  
Tim Bishop  
Neil Blackman  
Matthew Blaschke  
Greg Blomberg  
Jamie Bluhm







Andy Bol  
Rachel Bolek  
George Bollhorst  
Cynthia Bontrager  
Fredrick Bowman  
Chad Bragg  
Jeff Brandy

Stephanie Brett  
James Breneman  
Kathleen Brennan  
Kris Brisch  
Eric Brown  
Kimberly Brown  
Lindsay Brown

Sara Brown  
April Buchanan  
Paul Bullard  
Amber Burdette  
Anthony Burke  
Mark Burnison  
Kelly Bush

Michael Bustos  
Steve Calloway  
Amy Cannon  
Tony Caranough  
Todd Cerdas  
Bruce Chaffee  
Michele Child

Tony Choate  
Kelli Cleary  
Ellen Clifford  
Sara Clifford  
Scott Closs  
Brandon Cochran  
Matthew Collins

Thomas Collins  
Revin Comerford  
Brian Comstock  
Sara Coons  
Tara Coons  
Amy Cornell  
Kim Cottrell

Rebecca Covington  
Tiffany Cox  
Joshua Craig  
Jeremy Crawford  
Sara Craycraft  
Laura Cruise  
Pamela Criseman

Milan Crncevic  
Shara Crowe  
James Cruikshank  
Stephanie Cummins  
Tony Cummins  
Daniel Cusson  
Michele Dabrowski

Michael Deiber  
Eric Daniels  
Meghan Davies  
Stacey Davis  
Louis DeJelle  
Susan Deluna  
Jennifer Dennin

Bob Deu  
Michael Dwell  
Robbie Dillingham  
Jennifer Dopp  
Joey Doppler  
Chrystal Drake  
Jaclyn Drake

Bryce Drew  
Nathan Duke  
Cory Duels  
Matthew Duncan  
Stephen Dunne  
Joseph Eckert  
Julie Edwards

Ann Ehlers  
Allison Eklhorn  
Mark Esperson  
Ryan Erdelac  
Molly Erman  
Jennifer Eucoe  
Emily Evans

Kathryn Evans  
Chrissy Farnum  
Marie Fattore  
Hope Fierst  
Nathan Findling  
Christopher Finley  
Robert Finley

Angela Fisher  
Melissa Fitzgerald  
Timothy Fleming  
Michael Follis  
Megan Forker  
Laurie Fortunak  
Eric Frank

Amber Franks  
Liberty Friedline  
Kelly Gahrath  
Kimberly Gannon  
Joseph Garcia  
Chad Garrard  
Jennifer Garrard

Jerry George  
Kelly Gerstenberger  
Brahm Ghuman  
Stanley Giesler  
Roger Gifford  
Julie Gill  
Mark Glingrich

Amy Gleason  
Taryn Goffiney  
Tiffany Golle  
Amy Gonzales  
Jennifer Good  
Jennifer Goodrich  
Jim Gorman

Robert Gosvener  
Anna Gratz  
Jolina Graves  
Eloise Green  
Erin Griffin  
Steve Griffin  
Jason Hadley

Amanda Hager  
Kevin Haley  
Thomas Haisted  
Craig Halkom  
Aaron Hanchar  
James Hanlon  
Catherine Hansen

Lindsey Hanson  
Rachel Harrigan  
Adrienne Harris  
Anne Harrison  
Matthew Hasler  
Ryan Hauber  
Patricia Hawkins

Kimberly Hays  
Gloria Headley  
Martin Healy  
Erika Hengstler  
Leticia Herr  
Jacquelyn Heron  
Jennifer Hogg

Laura Hollenbeck  
Caroline Hollett  
Benjamin Holterhoff  
Michael Homan  
Jamie Hornbeak  
Tami Howard  
Anthony Hudgins



Charles Huff  
Douglas Hughes  
Todd Hughes  
Edward Hussey  
Ingrid Hyle  
Erik Iverson  
Scott Jacobs

Kurt James  
Nicole Janda  
Jason Janke  
Aimee Jarvis  
Annie Jasmic  
Jamie Jeppesen  
Brad Johnson

Jason Johnson  
Mindy Johnson  
Jason Jones  
Lenore Joyce  
Steven Jozwiak  
Jason Justak  
Shannon Kabot

Chris Kaleth  
Tory Karpenko  
Ginger Kautz  
Shawn Kewicki  
Rachel Kelly  
Charles Kiernan  
Jason King

Tammy Kissinger  
Ryan Knauff  
Michael Knight  
Amy Kobe  
Aaron Kocher  
Michael Kolar  
Catherine Koskey



# Volunteers

## Teens enjoy helping

Michelle Bergquist

Contributing Writer

Volunteers give assistance or provide services without any type of payment or compensation. Many students help others on a regular basis and receive no payment except the self-satisfaction of helping others.

Porter Memorial Hospital (PMH) is one of the many area hospitals that have candy strippers. According to Barbara Salkly, director of volunteers for the PMH Guild, approximately 20 teens were candy strippers this year.

Candy strippers at PMH work

in a variety of places including the information desk, x-ray, pharmacy, and various departments including pediatrics and oncology.

Many nursing homes also use teen volunteers.

The Pavilion Health Care Center has an informal program where teens may come in and visit residents.

Other places, including Whispering Pines, have a much more structured program. Most Volunteers assist with bingo, Sunday church services and ceramics.

Sophomore Rachel Kelly said she enjoys volunteering at Whispering Pines.

"Some of the residents I work with have diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, and they don't remember me. Every week I have to meet them, and it's hard to form a relationship," Kelly said.

Kelly, like other students, volunteers simply because she likes people and enjoys being with them.

### Helping Out

Sharing their dramatic experience at the Boys' and Girls' Club, seniors Happi Holmes and Ken Greich organize plays after school and on weekends.



# Trivial details

## Interesting facts go unnoticed

Aaron Vnuik

Writer

Everyone, at one time or another, wonders about such things as the number of grains of sand on a beach or the number of stars in the sky.

Similarly, some information about VHS can also make students wonder.

Most students know the enrollment of the school (1,893), but they seldom stop to think what makes up the structure of the building.

For example, there are

approximately 530 doors both to the outside and to classrooms, along with approximately 200 windows.

The building has 2508 lockers for students to store their belongings, and 67 classrooms.

If a person has ever wondered how many stairs they climb in a day, the seven main stairwells, the library, and the gym stairs together total 206.

In case of a fire, the school is equipped with 40 fire alarms and 200 smoke detectors as well as flashing lights to warn students.

And when nature calls, there are a lot of stalls. In fact,

there are 26 bathrooms, which amount to about 200 boys' and 100 girls' stalls.

At lunch, students consumed approximately 500 cookies a day, 68,000 hamburgers a year, and 1,600 pounds of french fries per week.

With expansion coming in the next few years, there will be even more numerical trivia to ponder. ♦

### Out of breath

Everyday, students use the seven main stairwells at VHS. All together, there are a total of 206 stairs which enabled the 1893 students to reach the 67 classrooms each day.



Susan Krausbeck  
Kim Krawczyk  
Kenin Krieger  
Bret Kutansky  
Michael Kwiatkowski  
Matt Lamb  
Courtney Lambert

Michael Lammertin  
Keith Landowac  
Adam Lewis  
Erica Lee  
Paul Lee  
Raymond Lee  
Heidi Leib

John Leight  
Jennifer Lieber  
Kishito Lin  
Travis Litke  
John Lockard  
Jack Luskey  
Jennifer Lute

Jeff Lynn  
Rachel Mache  
Joel Machiela  
Amanda Mackanos  
Brett Maesch  
Erik Makowiecki  
Zachery Malasto

Jeremy Maple  
Christine March  
Erin Martin  
Michelle Martin  
Amber Maul  
Travis McCormack  
Dana McCutcheon

Margaret McGough  
Cary McKim  
Christian McMeans  
Amy McQuinn  
Jennifer Medley  
Josh Meyer  
Rob Micco







Jolene Molchan  
Kelly Miner  
Doug Mitchell  
Natasha Mitchener  
Mary Mohrman

Andria Molchan  
Matt Moore  
Andrea Morris  
Mary Morris  
Brandon Moseley

Kenneth Moy  
Jodie Mraz  
Dana Muhleman  
Michael Murphy  
Vinod Nagabadi

Megan Neil  
Stephanie Nelson  
Angela Nicholas  
Joshua Niedner  
Carissa Niksch

Sunny Nixon  
Victoria Northcott  
Mike O'Keefe  
Jason Ono  
Michael Ondrovich

Alexander O'Neill  
Dominique O'Neill  
John Ontto  
Erin Oser  
Laura Owens  
Jessica Paschke  
Matt Papachronis

Michelle Pappas  
Ireneys Paisley  
Neha Pathak  
Kristina Paulauskas  
Heather Paulson  
Eric Pearson  
Matthew Peck

Courtney Pera  
Lonnie Perkins  
Ray Perkins  
Stacy Perrine  
Jeffrey Perry  
Christine Phillips  
Karen Phillips

Tom Phillips  
Valerie Piehl  
Travis Pierce  
Aaron Pierson  
Alison Pilgrim  
Steven Pilot  
Tom Pilot

Emily Pinkerton  
Michelle Pio  
Joseph Pollaro  
Keith Porcupine  
Josh Porch  
Tiffany Porch  
Tara Potti

Kimberly Powell  
Klea Price  
Angela Prucinsky  
John Puglisi  
Michael Pulido  
Yolanda Purcell  
Sean Putman

Brandy Quick  
Brandon Quinn  
Janis Rau  
Rebecca Reichardt  
Kelly Reilly  
Timothy Retner  
Amy Reuter

Kristifer Reynolds  
Malinda Reynolds  
Chris Richardson  
Jennifer Richmond  
James Riley  
Michael Roach  
Frank Rocchio

Ryan Rochester  
Jason Rodinell  
Amber Rogers  
Leslie Roper  
Michael Rozkowski  
Brian Roach  
Feras Safadi

Susan Saleh  
Heather Samansky  
Clint Sandlin  
Angie Sanghvi  
Nathan Sarver  
Greg Schiesser  
Jason Schiesser



# Student sport maniacs thrive

## Multi-sport athletes enticed by competition

Aaron Vnuik

Contributing Writer

When someone refers to a sports maniac, the general answer would probably be a Michael Jordan, Jose Canseco, or a Bo Jackson.

However, these are professional athletes who are paid for their efforts in a sport.

In high school, a great deal of students are also one sport athletes, but only a few can be honored as genuine sports maniacs, the two- and three-sport letterwinners.

Not only do these "maniacs" not get paid, but they also must overcome the many problems of a multi-sport student-athlete.

"You need to keep a good head on your shoulders, and set your priorities straight," said senior Nicki Nettrour, who was a member of the girls' volleyball and basketball teams.

"School comes before sports and sports comes before outside activities," Nettrour added.

"It's all part of time management. You have to put time aside not only for sports and studying, but also time for yourself to relax," said senior Mike Finley, a football, basketball, and baseball letterwinner.

Like most athletes, there is also a tendency to fall on bad times, sometimes followed by the thought of quitting.

"In wrestling, the hardest part is cutting the weight, so sometimes you get sick of it and want to give up," said junior Eric Douglas, a cross country runner and wrestler.

"However, then the people around you help and it just means too much to quit," Douglas added.

"You realize at an early age that things are not always going to go your way. Therefore, you learn to cope with the bad times because you know

you'll compete again and the results may be different," Finley said.

After staying dedicated, there also is a different coach to adjust to for each sport.

"It's (having different coaches) not really that difficult. Each of the coaches are somewhat the same in that they each expect the same kinds of things out of you, mainly hard work," said senior Nate McMillan, a football, basketball, and baseball letterwinner.

After hearing what makes the job difficult, why did these "maniacs" join sports in the first place?

"I joined sports for the competition and to have something to do besides go home and sit around," Douglas said.

"With sports, I get to spend even more time with my friends and I'm a competitive person so I like it even more," Nettrour said.

Of course, each of the athletes also has a favorite sport

and a reason why it is so good to them.

"I enjoy football the most because I've been involved with it the longest. My entire family has participated, so I pretty much grew up around a football atmosphere," Finley said.

"I like basketball because it's a very competitive and hard-working sport. There's a ton of excitement when the ball goes through the hoop," Nettrour said.

These avid athletes all said they would like to continue playing sports at the collegiate level.

"I like competing in them, plus, they pay for college," McMillan said.

Student sports maniacs were not the Jordan's or the Jackson's of their sports, but they did encounter just as many dilemmas.

But one similarity is certain. These student "maniacs" loved participating in sports just as much as the pros. ♦



Justin Schmidt  
Erister Schmidt  
Emily Schuets  
Ryan Schwan  
Niko Seli  
Robert Selfe  
Terrell Sessions

Danielle Shalapski  
Nicol Sheaffer  
Danielle Shearwood  
Sean Sheely  
Anilee Sherwood  
Andrea Shevick  
Charles Shetida

Ryan Shimala  
William Shingleton  
Heather Shirey  
Dawn Shirley  
Tiffany Shone  
Justin Shurr  
Tracy Siewin

Jennifer Silva  
John Simmons  
Bryan Simms  
Jovanka Sivovics  
Eric Smith  
Josh Smith  
Jeffrey Somers



#### Winning edge

Junior Eric Douglas defeats a LaPorte opponent during a home wrestling meet. A varsity wrestler, Douglas also ran on the cross country team which placed third at the State meet.

#### Set it

Setting up for a spike, senior Amy Swisher does her part to help the Lady Vikes defeat Munster in volleyball. In the spring Swisher was selected for the varsity tennis team.

Robert Sons  
George Sormas  
Mia Sorrick  
Steve Spanopoulos

Mark Spellar  
Richard Spencer  
Joey Spitzer  
John Sponberg

Traci Stallard  
Carliann Stanley  
Kate Stark  
Jeff Steinke

Anthony Stevanovich  
Jenny Stevens  
Ryan Stout  
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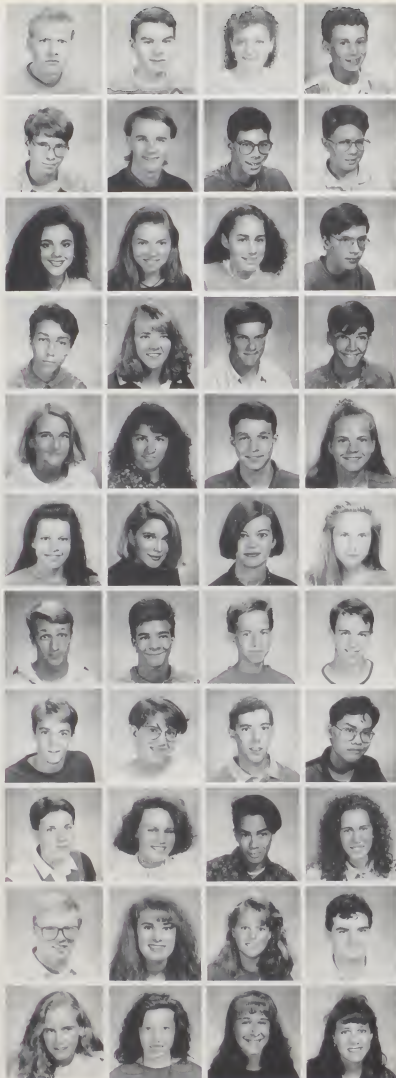
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Andy Uchel  
Angela Vereb  
Jason Villarreal  
Michele Von Tobel  
Benjamin Wagner  
Boyd Walker  
Donald Wallace

Patrick Walsh  
Susan Ward  
Heather Watson  
Jerry Wells  
Chandra Werner  
Philip West  
Roger West

Kimberly Westlake  
Melissa Westphal  
Shannon Whittier  
Allison White  
Melissa Whiteside  
Jeremy Wier  
Gordon Wilkes





# Starting the week

Tami Higer

Writer

The alarm clock sounds at 7:30 a.m. and with 10 minutes to spare until school starts you grab the nearest pair of jeans and an old sweatshirt. You dash out the door and arrive at school just as the final bell rings.

As you are running to class you remember that you forgot to study for three tests and also your homework is still sitting on the kitchen table.

Does this sound familiar? It should. This describes a typical Monday morning for many high school students.

Whether it was as simple as forgetting lunch money or as complicated as the car dying on the way to school, many students agreed that Monday mornings were the worst day of the week.

"I think that whether or not Mondays are bad depends on how the weekend went," junior Cindy Crowley said.

The reasons many students gave for not wanting to face Monday morning included being too tired, not having their homework done, and the car not starting because you forgot to fill the gas tank after your Saturday night out.

"Nothing is where you can find it in the morning because usually the books you've

brought home are buried underneath your clothes from Friday night and you haven't bothered to do your homework," said junior Amy Adams.

For any reason there seemed to be a possible solution — whether it is realistic or not.

"I think that the teachers should be more energetic. Maybe if they're motivated we will be too," junior Amy Newell said.

"I think that there should be no tests on Monday, school should start an hour later, and have the teachers act kind!" Adams said.

So the next time that you think that things could not possibly get any worse, check the calendar. Is it Monday?

## Last minute studying

Despite the weekend, sophomore Zach Malasto crams for a Monday morning science test in the last few minutes before school begins at 7:40 a.m.

## Monday blues

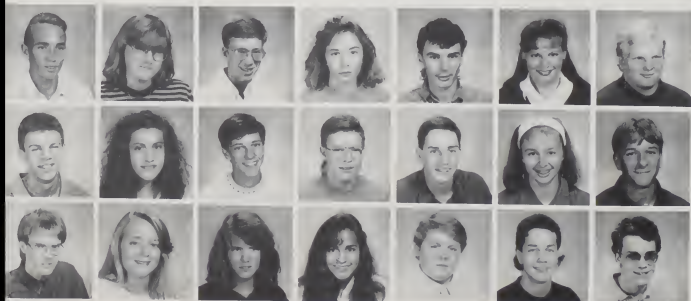
Getting off to a slow start, sophomore Jason Justak finishes his homework on a Monday morning.



Daniel Wilkins  
Charlene Williams  
Jordan Williams  
Suzanne Williams  
Jesse Williamson  
Holly Wilson  
Jesse Wilson

Michael Wilson  
Michelle Wilson  
Mark Wingenroth  
Matthew Wirth  
Aaron Witkowski  
Amanda Woods  
James Woods

Nathan Wronko  
Robin York  
Amber Young  
Amy Zelaya  
Jason Zeman  
Al Zillinger  
Allen Zwiklis







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Cristal Choe-Kang  
Thomas Chrisman  
Carolyn Christian  
Erica Cierniak  
Adam Clausen  
Heather Clausen

Meagan Clifford  
Aaron Collins  
Marta Conkle  
James Connor  
Trisha Cook  
William Cooley  
Christopher Corbett

Shannon Corkwell  
Jemelle Cotton  
Courtney Coughlin  
Amanda Courington  
Brandy Cove  
Mari Cox  
Jason Craig

Gina Creutzburg  
Jonathan Creutzburg  
Danielle Crim  
Timothy Criseman  
Amy Crowe  
Jason Crowell  
Jennifer Cummings

Michael Cuson  
Mary D'Aleio  
Erin Daly  
Maries Daly  
David Darrol  
Michael Davies  
Kristin Davis

# Big business

## Class faces inflation

Heidi Letz

Album Editor

Call it the birth of a second baby boom or the largest migration of families to Valparaiso, but whatever it was called, the freshmen class had the highest enrollment in the history of Valparaiso High School.

Even with the support of 500 students, the freshmen class still had a few anxieties, however, as it began the first year at VHS.

"I think freshmen are scared to get involved. They don't know what to expect at a new school," said freshman Missy McGuinn, secretary.

The freshmen class officers felt that activities would help unify the class. Freshmen Fun Night on August 15 gave stu-

dents an opportunity to get reacquainted with each other, but meet new people through sport activities and dancing.

Students also helped build a second place float for the Homecoming Parade.

Officers represented suggestions from their classmates at the weekly student council meetings.

"I wish we weren't so intimidated by the upperclassmen. Everyone expects us to know procedures at the meetings. I think upperclassmen need to help explain more and give freshmen a chance," said freshman Marta Conkle, president.

Even though much land has already been developed, Valparaiso has room for expansion in the community and schools. The freshmen class set the tone for larger future enrollment.



Sink 'em

Freshman Melissa Hanson and Missy McGuinn design part of the freshman class float, "Sink the Pirates," for the Homecoming Parade. The parade was on September 26.

Freshman Class Officers

Marta Conkle, pres.; Melissa Hanson, vice-pres.; Missy McGuinn, secretary; Lisa Porapaboon, treasurer.



# Dressing it up

## 'Deck the halls' gets new meaning

Tami Higer

Album Editor

Just like icing on a cake, locker decorations added that little something extra that was needed to spice up the locker's dreary, gray monotony.

Decorations varied greatly from photographs and magazine clippings to wrapping paper, mirrors, and posters.

"In my locker, I have a mirror, pictures of my friends and things that are funny, or something that shows what I'm interested in or like," said junior Jamie Roof.

Junior Mandy Marquardt said, "I feel that locker decorations are a form of self-expression. Even though the outside is the same, the insides are individual and personal."

However, students not only decorated the inside of their

locker, but also the outside on special occasions.

"It seems like the most popular thing to do for people's birthdays is to decorate their lockers with balloons and crepe paper," said junior Amy Newell.

Like icing on a cake, locker decorations added a combination of spice and excitement to something that is otherwise dull, boring and predictable.



### Showing off

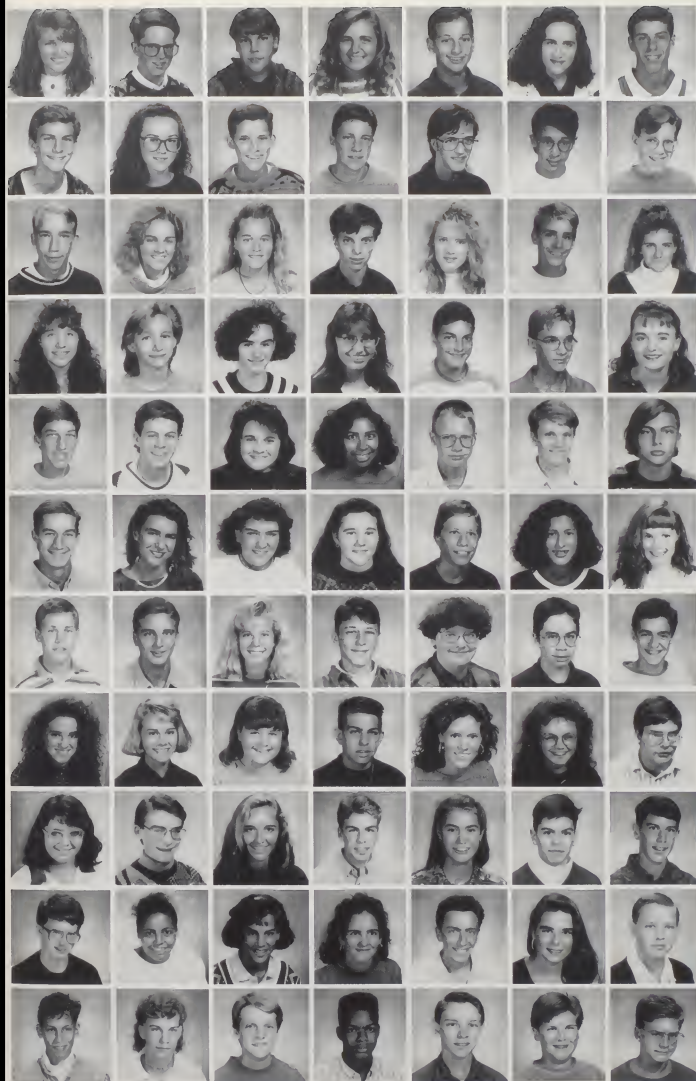
Senior Laurie Knauff reveals her interest through decorations in her locker. Sport personalities and pictures were commonly displayed.

### Mousing around

Mickey Mouse wrapping paper helps brighten senior Christine Bowman's locker. More than a place to store coats, purses and books, lockers became a 'home away from home'.







Stephanie Davis  
Charles Dekoster  
Natalie Demaree  
Jason Dennington  
Jason Danno  
Debbie Deu  
Jared Dhemers  
Stephanie Dikh  
Peter Dirindin

George Djurovic  
Bimal Dohli  
Jerry Drever  
Elizabeth Dunlivan  
J.K. Dunn  
Donald Duwall  
Joey Duval  
Kieth Duval  
Joshua Duy

Nathan Eagan  
Stacy Ehlers  
Christopher Ehrenberg  
Jamie Elenmenger  
Jennifer Elliott  
Matthew Erman  
Laura Evers  
Greg Ewer  
Lindsey Ferguson

Ryan Ferguson  
Kim Flkes  
Elizabeth Fllege  
Heather Flitter  
Ellen Florence  
Shelly Foley  
David Fordham  
Paul Foreman  
Kate Frawley

Jessica Freitag  
Heather Fry  
David Furlin  
Benjamin Furnas  
Shannon Galloway  
Lauren Garcia  
Steven Garson  
Gregory Gates  
Kyle Gay

Jenny Gee  
Josh Geise  
Justin Gent  
Amy Gerunka  
Cheryl Gilbert  
Martha Giola  
Nathan Glauser  
Beth Goldman  
Danielle Goodman

Chris Gorman  
Michael Gott  
Tom Gott  
Greg Gratson  
Jessica Gray  
David Greenburg  
Wendy Grieger  
Jason Griffith  
Boris Grot

Krystal Grutz  
Sarah Gudino  
Jaime Guydan  
Amanda Hager  
Rebecca Hager  
Ryan Handley  
Melissa Hanson  
Missy Haring  
Jeremy Harrington

Rachel Harris  
Sunny Haskins  
Jennifer Hawkins  
Daniel Hayford  
Bethany Hazen  
Kirk Hazen  
Katherine Heinoold  
Frank Hereda  
Bradley Hewlett

Casee Hewlett  
Jessica Hicks  
Aaron Hill  
Christine Hielck  
Sarah Hites  
Nicole Hitz  
Chad Hoard  
April Hodge  
B. J. Hohner

Julie Hollar  
Chelsea Hollis  
Aaron Holst  
Chris Holst  
John Homan  
Rondall Hoskins  
Dennie Howard  
Ted Hrabota  
Thomas Hughes

Jullie Hugus  
Genevieve Hurst  
Daniel Huston  
Stephanie Hutnick  
Jamie Hyatt  
Mandy Inare  
Amy Jaremcuk

Nadia Jeha  
Andrew Jones  
Lisa Jorsch  
Adam Julovich  
Chris Jurgenson  
Maako Kachi  
Victoria Kadish

Paradorn Karasudhi  
Stacey Kawicki  
Tamara Rebe  
Sherilyn Keller  
Justin Kelsey  
Mary Kerley  
Kyle Kerner

Kris Ketterman  
Edward Kim  
Kelly Klah  
Allison Kinsinger  
Amanda Kinsinger  
Jerry Klemz  
Trisha Koehl

Mark Kolar  
Tyrone Kosma  
Tracy Kremke  
Robert Kublaak  
Sara Kuebler  
Nicole Kunabek  
Shannon Kurman

Shelle Kurman  
David Kush  
Dina Kwiatkowski  
Matthew Kwiatkowski  
Leann Landgrebe  
Kelly Lanyi  
Eric Larson

Amy Lashbrook  
Ryan Lauer  
Kelly Lawhead  
Donald Lawson  
Michael Lawson  
David Lee  
Jeremy Lee

Jessica Lester  
Karen Lindberg  
Jason Linkner  
Tim Lintner  
Deborah Little  
Sean Lively  
Jessica Long

Natalie Long  
Clarence Lovell  
Nancy Lukes  
Alexander Lute  
James Mackenzie  
Anne Maesch  
Bryan Mahans

Michael Makarowski  
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Ken Marquardt  
Veronica Marques  
Dennis Marrell  
Dawn Martin  
Kris Martin

Holly Marvin  
Farrah Mathias  
Joshua McChristian  
William McCleery  
Peter McCorkle  
Chris McCullough  
Michelle McDaniels



# Moochers

## Borrowers take loot

Robin Beesley

Album Editor

Moochers are everywhere. They're in classes, the hallways, the cafeteria, and in your home. They borrow paper, pens, pencils, gum, food, money, and clothing.

"I think a moocher is someone who takes money or something you value and never gives it back or repays you," said junior Brian McGuckin.

Moochers borrow your possession with your consent, but seldom return them. Nothing is sacred to these people.

"Not one day goes by when someone doesn't try to persuade me to give them something from my tray at lunch," said junior Larry Phillips.

Even at home you are not safe from moochers.

"My sister is always borrowing my clothes and she always ends

up getting stains on them," said senior Kim Elliot.

What persuades moochers to use people the way they do?

"I don't know how I do it, but I always end up losing my pencils. So I take my locker partner's. I don't think he minds, too much, at least," said freshman Jason Myers.

Students use deception as a method of dealing with moochers.

"Whenever someone asks to borrow money and I know they won't repay me, I just lie and tell them I don't have any," said junior Amy Newell.

Although there is no where to hide from moochers, there are ways to avoid them. ♦

### Lending

Senior Erika Figolah lends junior Tammy Somers a piece of paper. Students experienced people borrowing items and not returning them.



Mike McDonald  
Melissa McDaniel  
Cory McKim  
Danny Mekola  
Eric Merritt  
Amanda Miller  
Kevin Miller

Michael Miller  
Michael Mingo  
Staci Mitchell  
Neil Molegraff  
Mark Morris  
Alan Morrison  
Jaimie Mott

Michael Mount  
Brigitte Mullen  
Patrick Mullin  
Stacey Murphy  
Stephanie Murphy  
Kathy Mutka  
Jason Myers

Jonathan Myers  
Stacey Myers  
Mithun Nallari  
Jennifer Nilsch  
Robert Nobles  
Cori Norman  
Brian Norris

Michael Odore  
Jeremie Oetting  
Matt O'Keefe  
Beth Oliver  
Eric Olson  
Kristin Olaszewski  
Jennifer Oram



# Superstars

## Idols set examples

Robin Beesley

Album Editor

Every week the media is filled with articles about professional athletes and stars who are on steroids or have a drug abuse problem. However, the media also includes articles about positive role models including the Bull's Michael Jordan and the Cubs' Ryne Sandberg.

Idols were looked up to by students who tried to model their lives after these personal heroes.

"I idolize Darian Hagen, the quarterback for Colorado University's football team. I think he is awesome and I would like to be like him," freshman David Greenburg said.

While some students looked up to athletes, other students idolized musicians.

"I admire Perry Farrel from

Jane's Addiction. His poetry is excellent. He dares to shock people. He speaks his mind and his mind is infinite," senior Jim Janos said.

Yet, some people admired their peers.

"I admire senior Jim Crowell because he is a good athlete. He is a three-sport athlete and tries as hard as he can to be a winner," freshman Jason Redar said.

Crowell said, "I feel that being a idol can become more of a job at times. You can always have people looking at you to set an example."

Although the negative things people hear usually are unforgettable, they still find those people who they could idolize for their positive actions. ♦

### Local star

Finishing first is senior Jim Crowell. Many underclass students looked up to Crowell, who was a tri-sport athlete.



### Michael mania

Standing by her locker, junior Kim Kuehl shows her Michael Jordan poster. Michael Jordan was one of everybody's favorite Chicago Bulls' players.

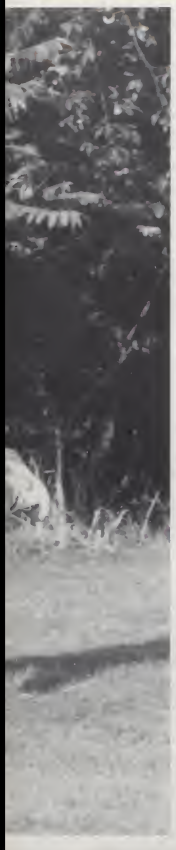


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Kara Pizurki  
Brian Polak  
Lisa Porapalhoon  
Joel Porch  
Jamie Proctor







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Bryan Ralph

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Janice Richards

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Cameron Risner  
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Heldi Rosenbaum  
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Jason Rouch

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Jaime Rotinski  
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Jaclyn Schmirring  
Derek Schoppa  
Nathan Schultz

Mary Schulz  
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Jeffrey Sederberg  
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Paul Senne  
Curtis Serles  
Allison Seward  
Amy Sharp  
Christina Sherlock

Stephanie Shipley  
Levi Shumate  
Jessica Siddall  
Christopher Simstad  
Kimberly Singh  
Tonya Sittner  
Adam Skingley

## Believe it

Before class begins, Junior Kelly Beckman reads her horoscope in a magazine to see what the stars had predicted for her.



## Skeptical

Although Junior Amy Zulch doesn't truly believe in horoscopes, she leans through her horoscope at a store to see what is predicted.



Anne Smith  
Maryanna Smith  
Matt Smith  
Shawn Spano  
Amanda Spencer  
Regina Stamper  
Kelly Standiford



Brian Stareina  
Christopher Stelmel  
Paul Stevenson  
Christine Stingley  
Jason Storey  
David Sturgeon  
Cynthia Sukovich



Derek Swanson  
Brenda Tabone  
Ray Noble Taylor  
Katy Thelen  
Robert Thorgren  
Natasha  
Trentonville  
Bryan Tullia



Prasanthi Tummaru  
Mark Turck  
Matt Vale  
Karrie Van Rosendale  
Michael Veal  
Christine Vondetti  
Kirsten Vesey



Joshua Viers  
Samuel Vuicheff  
Chastity Walker  
Christopher Walker  
Curt Walls  
Amanda Walters  
Tom Warner



# Horoscopes forecast

## Future-telling promotes curiosity

Robin Beesley

Album Editor

At some point in almost everyone's lives, people have wished there was a crystal ball that could predict their future.

But since real fortune-telling devices were rare, students had to be satisfied with reading their horoscopes.

Junior Susan Rich reads her horoscope on a daily basis, and said while most predictions don't occur, there was one incident which did happen.

"The horoscope predicted that I would get a 'financial windfall' which I did. Also, it warned that my social life would take a turn, but I should proceed with caution. Later that summer I did meet some interesting people," she said.

Senior Linda Lee said, "I read my horoscope because it is fun to imagine the things that might happen if the predictions actually came true."

"Sometimes I can really relate to what the horoscope says. Other times it just makes me curious and wonder if it is true, or will happen in my next life," junior Debbie Perry said.

Even those who did not believe that horoscopes were true still read them.

"Sometimes I hope they will come true, but I do not believe in pre-destination or future-telling oracles. I accept that man is responsible for all his actions. I believe man's future is made by him and him alone," senior Bridget Flory said.

Yet, some people were not sure if horoscopes were authentic.

"I think horoscopes are a

way that people are trying to make a fast buck," senior Drew Tursman said.

"Sometimes I can really relate to what the horoscope says. Other times it just makes me curious and wonder if it is true," junior Debbie Perry said.

However, some students really believe in horoscope predictions.

"I believe that certain things like phases of the moon and certain traits in people are predictable. I think it makes a difference when you were born," senior Lara Mitchner said.

Junior Karen Mantel said, "My horoscope said not to procrastinate on doing something important, and I had a paper that I kept putting off."

Whether or not it is coincidence, sometimes the horoscopes really do relate to real life.

Kenneth Wasemann  
Jacqueline Wathen  
Charles Watson  
Kimberly Watson  
Stephen Watt  
John Webb  
Nathan Weisiger

Mindy Weitzel  
Matthew Welsh  
Billy Welter  
Tamara Werner  
Justin West  
Jeremy Westerhaut  
Cara Whisler

Shane Whitaker  
Michael Whitcomb  
Eric Hite  
Jody Hite  
Robin White  
Marcie Wilcox  
Kelly Willard

Amy Williams  
Dustin Williams  
George Wilson  
Shane Wilson  
Steve Wintner  
Bradley Wolf  
Sarah Wolff

Justin Wood  
Kelsey Yagelski  
Christina Yerga  
Melissa York  
Brandon Zeman  
Jonathan Ziegert  
Renee Zwinklis

# New Additions

## High school expands

Kara Conkle and Amanda Kaluzny

### Faculty Editor/Writer

When making pizza dough, yeast is an important factor. The yeast needs to be added to the dough, in order for the dough to expand. Gradually, the dough will double or triple in size.

Like pizza dough expanded with time, so has the city and school populations of Valparaiso. In 1971, when the high school opened, the enrollment consisted of 1,120 students, while the 1970 census of the Valparaiso area was 25,191 people. In 1990, the enrollment was 1,680 students and the city census totaled at 32,603 people.

The increasing enrollment and growth of the city had proved the need for expansion.

Construction for the addition began in the spring of 1992 and it should be ready for use in the fall of 1993.

According to Dr. David Bess, principal, the cost will be between \$15 and \$20 million.

Plans included 40 new

classrooms, a larger cafeteria, and expansion of every department.

The two-story addition, which was designed to hold 500 students was planned for the north side of the school where student and faculty parking lots were located. Plans also included an enclosed courtyard located between the new building and the existing outer walls.

Bess advised to add enough lockers to allow every student to have his own.

Even though the plans for the building included more ground to cover, Bess did not expect to increase the passing period time.

However, he felt that if there proved to be a problem, the time would have to be increased.

"My hope is that we won't have to add on any time. But if people can't travel from one end to another, we'll have to make some changes," Bess said.

Like the pizza dough, the city and school had rapidly expanded.



### Die-hard fans

Through rain or shine, vice-principals Jan Bergeson and John Hutton still managed to support the football team. Most of the staff stayed actively involved with the school even after hours.



### Computer input

Along with planning the curriculum and deciding the master schedule, Dr. David Bess, principal, also conducted the faculty and faculty advisory meetings.





### Teachers have spirit

Staying involved in and out of school, Mary Rybak, Pat McMichael, Jim McMichael, Dale Ciciora, Kevin Cessna, and Dr. David Bess assist with the homecoming parade.



### Mail check

Assistant principal John Hutton collects his mail. Hutton was in charge of discipline for freshmen and sophomores. He also coordinated the ISTEP tests and various permits.

### Policy makers

Overseeing the Valparaiso Community Schools are (front row) Dr. Michael Kozubal, ass't. supt.; Dr. Janet Schollenberger, ass't. supt. (back row) Robert Sherer, ass't. supt.; Leo Joint, elem. ed. dir.; Dr. Michael Benway, superintendent.



### Setting dates

Assistant principal Jan Bergeson verifies the date for a club activity on the schedule of events calendar. Bergeson coordinated all extracurricular activities and supervised the discipline of the junior and senior students.

### School Board

Serving on the Board of Education for the Valparaiso Community Schools are (front row): Mary Moore, secretary; Dr. Stephen Buck, president; (back row): Dr. Robert Koenig, vice-president; Dr. Mark Reshkin, and Robert Malackowski.



### Helping out

On the night of open house, Lela Hewlett asks Dr. David Bess, principal, for some assistance in finding her daughters' rooms. Parents had an opportunity to meet their children's teachers and learn about the curriculum.

### Office tasks

Nancy Brown, bookstore secretary, stamps an invoice for supplies. Her duties as bookstore secretary included ordering supplies and taking responsibility for fines and schedule changes. She also assisted the aides that worked in the bookstore.

### Precious moment

Enjoying time with her granddaughter, Cori Susan Peloso attends the V-tien Halloween party for faculty children. Peloso is secretary for Dr. David Bess, principal. The Halloween party was held the evening of October 30.



### Calling in

Attendance office aide Barbara Yocum records excused absences. In her third year in the attendance office, Yocum also monitored sign-in and sign-outs.



### Cafeteria staff

Front Row: Debbie Hammer, Shirley Van-Wienen, Cindy Melody, asst. mgr. Mary Rush, asst. dir. Lois Bruder, JoEllen Ogle, Kathy Galka, Pat Forsythe, Li Swickard. Back Row: Joan Stombaugh, Fern Lowe, Sally Wellensick, Irene Rhoda, Mary Ilgenfritz, Georgia Prowant, Chris Tichy, Diane

Ricca, Sue Aytes, Marion Osterhout, Nancy Smith, Mary Boyles, Rose Witt, Brenda Huslar. The cafeteria workers not only prepared the meals, but also served the students with courtesy every day. Four different lunch lines were offered, so students could have a variety of entrees to choose from. Even with the large numbers of students, adjustments were made so everyone could be accommodated.

# Cafeteria Revisions

## Staff works to adjust to numbers

Kirsten Johnson

Writer

A captive audience is often the most critical audience. And who would be more critical than hundreds of high school students waiting in line for lunch every day.

In her first year, food service director Pat Hurst was faced with the task of preparation for VHS in addition to Valparaiso schools.

"Many students do not recognize the little things the

employees do. The 34 cooks and servers take pride in what they do," Hurst said.

Hurst said she wanted to gradually make changes in the food service department.

One change she made that students liked was a limited items line designed for "brown-baggers".

"People who just wanted milk did not want to wait in line and the people in line did not want them cutting in," Hurst said.

Another change she wanted to make was gradually working towards healthier lunches with less sodium and fat.

Hurst said she also hopes to

decrease the length of the lines with the new addition in 1993, which will enlarge the cafeteria area.

With a critical audience of 450-480 students in each lunch period, and more students likely in the future, Hurst said she wants to come as close as possible to making everybody happy. ♦

### Making dough

Head baker June Herr scrapes cookie dough from the mixer. Cookies were one of the most popular items at lunch last year. With the large freshman class, a new line with limited items was added.



**MARY ANN BAUER** registrar assist.; guidance office receptionist  
**GRIETEL BONDI** main office receptionist  
**NANCY BROWN** bookstore secretary, girls' basketball aide  
**ROSEMARY BUTT** attendance secretary  
**ELLEN CARMICHAEL** choral accompanist  
**PAMELA CLARE** aide

**BARB DENDY** aide  
**SHARON EARL** aide  
**ELLA EDWARDS** learning center secretary  
**EDIE GEE** guidance office registrar  
**SUE RAGER** aide  
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# Students Teach

## Gaining experience

Kara Conkle

Faculty Editor

As a child grows up, an adult usually guides and nurtures him. However, experience is usually the child's best teacher.

Like a child, student teachers are usually given help and instructions, but they learn the most from interacting with the students.

Teachers did not feel that the student teachers interfered with their classroom schedule, but rather, wanted the student to get the most out of the experience.

"I hope she (Christine Sanasardo) will get an overall view of what teaching is all about," English teacher Carol Phillips said. Sanasardo was a Valparaiso University who taught in Phillips' classes first semester.

While the student teachers

learned, the teachers also benefited.

"John Bueton brings me new ideas and rejuvenates me," math teacher Rhonda Yelton said.

"She has her own style of teaching, bringing in her own ideas and methods while she's teaching the same subject matter; and I'm learning from her," Phillips said.

"Mrs. Yelton has a demeanor in the classroom that I'd like to have in the future," student teacher John Bueton said. Bueton was a VU senior who student taught for Yelton's math classes and Jean Miller's Latin class.

The student teachers could not prepare for everything that happens in the classroom.

"For the most part, no matter how many education classes you've had, you can't prepare for everything that happens in a classroom. You're never ready for the little quirks, but you just have to make light of them," Bueton said.

Learning to be independent is important for a child, just as it is important for student teachers to prepare themselves for what teaching is really like.

### Classroom practice

Student teacher John Bueton instructs freshmen Josh Craig and Mike Veal on a math assignment. Bueton student taught for math and Latin classes.



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# Out of the Classroom

## Teacher-coaches balance time

Kara Conkle/Lisa Harrison

### Faculty Editor/Writer

Batman, Superman, and Robin Hood all led dual lives. By day they were normal every day citizens, but by night, they were renegades in their field of expertise.

Although the typical teacher's life is not as action packed as these heroes, several teachers do lead dual lives.

"My official title is head varsity baseball coach and history government teacher, but education and my classes have top priority," Patrick Murphy said.

Several teachers/coaches enjoy working with young people in two different environments.

"The two jobs help in class, keeps you in touch with stu-

dents. Basically, the jobs let kids and coaches see each other in a different light," Terry Cox, history teacher, assistant athletic director and assistant football coach said.

While the opportunity to work with students often entices teachers to become coaches, a personal interest in sports also encourages teachers to become coaches.

"I was asked to coach track and volleyball at Benjamin Franklin Middle School. Since I loved sports and youngsters, I volunteered. That was 13 years ago," said Elke Bowman, German/English teacher and varsity volleyball coach.

While coaching is often rewarding to those involved, it can and does often pinch time for the teachers who coach athletics.

"I'm slower at grading papers during the season, coming home from a meet in Lafayette at 11:30 p.m. can tire you out," said Debbie Fray, social studies/German teacher, dean of students, and assistant girls' track coach.

Sacrifices also have to be made in order to fit everything into one day.

"A lot is sacrificed to become a successful teacher/coach. The jobs also make for a very long day," Murphy said.

While the dual lives of super heroes are complicated, they are usually always worthwhile. ♦

### Strategy

Science teacher/junior varsity tennis coach Dave Kings instructs freshman Dave Furlin on the court. Furlin played singles on the junior varsity tennis team.



### Giving advice

Before a golf match, social studies teacher/golf coach Nancy Bender gives senior Amy Nondorf a few tips. This season was Bender's 15th year as coach.

### Game intensity

As teachers/coaches Elke Bowman, Nancy Ficken, and freshman Laurel Raymon look on, the junior varsity volleyball team battles Highland.





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### From software to hardware

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### Hometown businesses

Looking west on Lincolnway, provides a view of the many businesses which occupy the downtown area. A wide selection of stores, banks, and restaurants were offered throughout Valparaiso as well as downtown.







# Improving Our Community ...in Advertising Growth

Andrea Caporale

Editor-In-Chief

Within a matter of 10 years, a human body undergoes several changes both external and internal. Likewise, the city of Valparaiso has undergone many modifications.

As late as 1982 Valparaiso was still a small town surrounded by farm fields. Now, however, Valparaiso has transformed into a full-fledged city, and the continual growth has directly affected the changes which have occurred.

Renovation of the downtown area began in summer 1988, and was financed by \$550,000 in state and federal grants. Improvements included repaving the streets, new sidewalks, and the addition of illuminated flower boxes.

Through the numerous additions of fast food restaurants, grocery stores, elegant dining places, gas stations, and stores, students found numerous after-school opportunities.

Expansion was evident throughout the city, with the addition of Chandana Shopping Center to the north, Inman's Recreation Center to the east, Al's Diner to the south, and the Bridge View Inn to the west.

While a human being matures from a child into an adult, Valparaiso was modified because we were IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY. ♦

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# Money Matters

## Savings For Tomorrow

by Heidi Letz

During the recession, talk of stocks and investments was heard nearly everywhere. Many students, however, opted to secure their money in a savings account.

Future finances such as college convinced teenagers to save their money. Others needed a savings account for unknown emergencies, including car repair, gifts, or social events such as prom.

"I put half of my paycheck in a savings account. The other half is for personal use such as gas and entertainment," senior Kelly Geisler said.

Other students felt that it was hard to enjoy their money. A portion of their paychecks went for college and the rest for car payments and insurance.

"I spend my paycheck going out on the weekends. The remainder goes into my savings account," sophomore Chris Finley

said.

While most students said they spent their money on clothes and entertainment, a few were more generous.

One student said he spent all his money on his girlfriend.

A few students had a more difficult time balancing their budget.

"I get money from my parents on Friday and it's usually gone by Sunday. It's hard to do things when you have to depend on your parents for most of your money," said Courtney Lambert, a sophomore.

Other students had the advantage of buying now and paying later through a checking account.

"I have a savings account, which hasn't been touched in a year, but I also have a checking account. I use my checking account as a last resort, after my paycheck is gone," said senior Deena Butterfield. ♦



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# Sports Fanatics More Than Interest

by Becky Gimenez

To gauge the extent of interest in sports, one needs only to look around. Hats, shirts, and jackets decorated with various team logos, from the Chicago Cubs to the L.A. Raiders, provided just one way for students to show their love for athletics.

Students involved in sports began at young ages. Some students began playing sports competitively as early as kindergarten. "I've been playing baseball and football since I was about five," freshman Chuck Wilson said.

While most students played on a school team, many also played at park leagues or at the YMCA. "I play here at school, at the YMCA, the Boys' and Girls' Club, and at the Dolton Soccer Dome," Junior Ben Brettinger said. "I play softball at school and on summer leagues at Lake of Four Seasons," said sophomore Aimee Sherwood.

Interest in sports was avid even among

students who did not participate competitively on a team. "I like to watch baseball on T.V. because I love the sport," said junior Doug Kinsey. "Baseball doesn't fly by you like some other sports do, so there's time to figure out the manager's motives or listen to a good anecdote from an announcer."

"I love to watch football because there's so much action and the same thing is not repeated during the game," senior Tracey Swarthaw said.

Some students watched games with more than just entertainment in mind.

"I attend college games, V.U. for instance, because I have friends who play and I want to see what the future holds for me as a player," Brettinger said.

Whether playing in a game or watching one, athletes and spectators alike shared not only an interest in, but a love for sports of all kinds.

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by Kara Conkle

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"I eat fast food because it's fast, good, and easy to obtain," junior Sam Allie said.

Junior Shane Ikeda said, "When I eat fast food, I don't have to cook or clean up."

"Fast food is convenient when I don't have time to make dinner," junior Stacey Hrabota said.

A variety of fast food places were the favorites among students.

"I enjoy King Gyros because it is the most food for the least amount of money," junior Tim Moore said.

"Mancini's is my favorite because it has great food and it isn't expensive," junior Craig Wathen said.

Junior Tenley Drescher said, "The price

and menus at Taco Bell and Wendy's are the reasons I go there."

"I like eating at Burger King because it's good food that isn't very greasy," junior Nick Vorkapich said.

Students had different opinions of their favorite foods at fast food restaurants.

"I enjoy a chicken sandwich from McDonald's or Burger King because they are filling and more "elegant" than other fast foods," junior Christine Rosado said.

"My favorite fast food item is a double whopper with cheese because it is a delicious hamburger with lots of beef," said senior Antti Ronkko.

"When I eat at Schoops, I always order a cheeseburger, cheese fries, and a large Dr. Pepper. It always seems to hit the spot," senior Amber Sheets said.

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In order to survive, one needs the essentials: water, oxygen and food.

According to some students, music was also a necessity.

"Music comes at the top of my spending list. I determine how much I spend by how much there is to buy," senior Katherine Williams said.

The popular places to listen to music were at home, at work, and in the car.

"I listen to music whenever I get a chance, which is pretty much all the time," senior Amanda Pera said.

Frequency and location of buying music varied.

"I don't buy music often, it's easier to borrow," senior Alison Largura said.

"I shop at Coconuts, because it has reasonable prices," junior Amy Newell said.

"I buy compact discs about once every two weeks at Hegewisch Records in Merrillville, because it's inexpensive," senior Ryan Malayer said.

Students offered an assortment of reasons for why they listen to music.

"Music creates a certain mood which allows me to relax," Williams said.

"I listen to music because I like it and the kind of music I listen to has more to say than the typical top 40 does," Pera said.

Some types of music listened to by students included alternative, classic rock, metal, hip-hop, rap, top 40, and classical.

"I listen to alternative and classic rock," Williams said.

"I love hip-hop club music," senior Matt Ross said.

Music contributed a great deal to the students' lives; therefore, some consider it a necessity.

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Junior Jazz Ensemble member Cindy Crowley plays the trumpet during pre-performance practice. While Jazz Ensemble met after school, Concert Band met as a class. Valparaiso's 'A' Band was awarded the state title for the fifth consecutive year. For more information about extra-curricular organizations, turn to pages 54-77.

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## One moment in time

Participating in the traditional Grand March, seniors Bill Cox and Gina Massuda await their turn to walk through in front of their parents, friends, and family. Massuda senior

class treasurer, was one of the six girls selected by faculty members for the 1992 Prom Court. Themed "Magic Carpet Ride", Prom was held at the Porter County Expo Center Friday, May 15. For additional information on Prom, drama productions, after school activities, and the three other annual dances, turn to the Student Life section on pages 6-27. The Student Life section features the many social events which give students a chance to spend time with one another in a relaxed, non-academic setting.



# P PRODUCT SUCCESS

Andrea Caporale

## Editor-In-Chief

In a drama production, many people are needed to make the show a success.

Likewise, the production of the 1992 *VALENIAN*, required the cooperation of a lot of individuals. Beside the 19 staff members, many "outsiders" played an important role throughout the nine month project.

First of all, Ed Poe guided the students in developing the theme and layout designs for the various sections at the Indiana University Summer Journalism Camp.

Walsworth Publishing Company sales representatives,

Valerie Tanke and Bob Henning, aided in the coordination of ideas for the 1992 yearbook.

Even though the students were responsible for all the copy, the cooperation from the administration, faculty, coaches, staff, and other students enabled them to fulfill their journalistic requirements.

A special thanks to Gloria Zimmerman, the *VALENIAN* advisor, for her continual dedication and hard work. The 1992 yearbook was evidence of her support and positive reinforcement she gave all the staff members.

While some students led hectic lives due to the stress of deadlines, they agreed that the end justified the means. ♦



1992 Valenian Staff

Front Row: Kara Conkle, Amy Zelaya, Kim Brennan, Jessica Pacholke, Mandy Marquardt, Robin Beesley. Second Row: John Sponberg, Bret Kutansky, Kim Abner, Heidi Letz, Debbie Boyd, Kim Cruikshank, Andrea Caporale, Becky Gimenez. Back Row: Aaron

Vnuk, Tom Marler, Susie Jessen, Kirsten Johnson.

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	Jessica Pacholke
	Amy Zelaya
Advisor.....	Gloria Zimmerman



## Award Winners

Walsworth Publishing Company sales representative Valerie Tanke presents Editor-In-Chief Andrea Caporale the "1992 National Marketing Sample" for the Valenian at the Publications Banquet in May. Caporale also received the "Outstanding Staffer Award", which was selected by the 1992 Staff.

Stretching

## Our Limits

... in *society*

# Adjusting

Andrea Caporale

Editor-In-Chief

As Johnny Carson's 30-year television career came to an end, he remembered all the good times, unique experiences and intriguing guests.

In much the same way, as the 1991-92 school year came to a close, students recollected the shared moments and the events.

For some students, out-of-school recreational activities and in-school functions played an important role. Students developed friendships due to their common interests.

However, other students bonded because of their participation in an athletic sport or in a musical group.

Team work was evident on the court as the girls' basketball team made a return trip to the Final Four at Market Square Arena.

A definite fellowship was displayed on the stage as the 'A' Band earned its fifth consecutive I.S.S.M.A. state championship title, an unprecedented accomplishment.

Graduation of the 412-member class represented the end of their high school careers, as well as the end of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian titles. The end of the year also brought about math teacher and Foreign Exchange Club originator Wes Maiers' retirement after 31 years in the classroom.

Even though many modifications due to the changing society have taken place in the nation and school, we adjusted by STRETCHING OUR LIMITS. ♦



## Publicity

Chicago's Channel 7 newscaster Jim Rosenfield interviews junior Dave Szymanski about the LSD situation in October 1991. VHS gained widespread recognition because of the alleged drug problem.



## Career ends

Mathematics teacher Wes Maters volunteers an hour during the school day to help students in the math lab. After 31 years of teaching, Maters announced his retirement with plans to travel.



## Teamwork

A variety of students participated in the Academic Superbowl including senior Kevin Eichhorn, sophomores Brandon Quinn and Jim Harlan. The English team placed fourth in the state meet at Indianapolis.



## Modifications

Construction for the new addition began in March and is projected to be completed in Fall 1993. Limited parking caused adjustments of student drivers.

## Competition



## Fond farewell

Senior Laura Phillips says good-bye to parents as she loads the bus, which took the girls' basketball team to Market Square Arena for the State Championship games. The Vikings were defeated in the first game.

Senior Joel Szymanski completes a dive at the State meet in Indianapolis. The boys' swimming and diving team finished the meet with a sixth place.

Stretching

Our Limits  
... to  
accomodate

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#### Expansion

<None>With the construction of a new addition to the northside, VHS will expand to accommodate students. Expanding the facility was just one of the ways in which we were truly STRETCHING OUR LIMITS.



the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are undernourished has increased from 600 million to 800 million. The number of people who are malnourished has increased from 1.2 billion to 1.5 billion. The number of people who are obese has increased from 100 million to 300 million.

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